

INTRODUCTION



Love is used to describe a feeling of affection, a physical attraction or feeling good about something or someone. The Hebrew word for love “**ahavah**” reveals the true definition of love. The word **ahavah** is built upon the root consonant h-v which means “to give”. In order for love to be real love, it has to be expressed as an action (Jn 21:15-17). If you love your beloved, then you must show it. By the same token, if you are loved, that will show too. You will recognize it by the way you are treated.

The word love can be interpreted and understood in many ways, it is actually an open ended question when you ask somebody to utter a word on the basis of love. William

Shakespeare on his poem which is “Let me not to the marriage of true minds” has proven what love is and how stable it is when people truly love each other and one another. Love is actually a vehement emotion that one develops for/to a particular or to certain people for various reasons and that emotion is expressed through action. Real love for your loved ones is not determined by faith, loyalty and empathy.

Most love demonstrated today is worldly and conditional. Consider the love between parents to children, parent love their children and are ready to do everything for them on the basis that same blood flows through their blood vessels. The love between spouses is covenanted because they are joined as one (Eph 5:22-25,31). The man is prepared to answer to the woman on the ground that they are one family. The love between the so called boyfriend and girlfriend is a worldly one. The love between children can be described as conditional. Children from the same parents would protect each other from the children of other parents because they share the same blood.

Biblical love is sacrificial, unconditional, selfless and non-discriminating and above all it is beyond tribe, culture, ethnic group, language, religion and denomination. This is the love that motivated Jesus to go beyond the border between heaven and earth. He sacrificially gave himself to

make it possible for man to be forgiven of sin and to be reconciled with his creator (John 3:16).

Jesus was born as a Jew but the purpose of his death on the cross of Calvary is shared abroad to as many that will believe and accept him as their lord and personal saviour.

Where do Christians get the attitude of discrimination? You are a Jew and I am a Gentile and therefore I have nothing to do with you.

Romans 3:29 says “is He the God of the Jews only? Is He not also of the Gentile? Yes of the Gentiles Also”.

As Christians we ought to be christocentric and not egocentric. The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. This was as a result of Christ like character they exhibited. Selfishness, greed and covetousness have eaten deep into our hearts that we tend to forget who we really are, who we profess, the source of our strength, resources, breath and everything we claim to have acquired in life.

God commands us to love in Deut 6:5 which clearly states that “AND YOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THINE HEART AND WITH ALL THY SOUL AND LOVE BEYOND BORDERS WITH ALL THY MIGHT.”

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This percept leads us to the voice of the age-old question “How can we be commanded to feel a feeling? “Either you feel it or you don’t right?”

An answer offered by our tradition explains that we are not ordered to feel a feeling in the abstract sense. Rather, the command is for us to behave lovingly. In this light, “And you shall love actually means you can perform acts of love” this is the true test; Action, Deeds and Performance. Feelings may be deceptive, sometimes what we perceive as love may in fact be another emotion. But action cannot be mistaken so rather ask “What is love” we must ask “Do I perform arts of love for my beloved?” and do my beloved Perform arts of love for me.

If we really claim to be Christians, and are heavenly minded, then we must have a change of heart and attitude towards those around us, our non-family members, non-Christians and those outside our denominations. The life of Major General BO Ogunkale is worthy of emulations. He is a man with the nature of Christ, he understands what it takes to love, and his acts of love have no boundaries.

The Corpers in NASME barracks have a lot to tell of his good will both Christian and non-Christian Corpers had a share portion of his love. Both male and female corps member became his children not mindful of the cost and challenges associated with becoming a father. He is a disciplinarian, who will not condone any act of indiscipline among youths. He scolds when necessary and corrects with meekness.

Major General BO Ogunkale is a definition of the Biblical love which should be practiced among those who claim to know God and are heaven bound. The general is set to impact lives no matter the cost. Love has to do with touching lives positively and helping the poor and needy, Creating roads of opportunities, bringing joy and gladness to the heart of the sorrowful, giving help to those who are helpless whether your tribe, religion or denomination. What more can we say? Let your “LOVE BE BEYOND BORDERS”.

This book reveals how love as proved to be the binding force bringing people from different cultural, religious, age and peer group under the big umbrella of our loving God.

“And now abideth faith, hope, love and these three but the greatest of these is love”. As you go through this book, as workers in his vineyard, administrators, leaders learn that your work are flammable if your activities doesn't reflect love (God).

CHAPTER ONE



NUGGETS FROM THE COMMANDANT'S DESK

One of the cardinal responsibilities of a leader is sound administration. Administration, on the other hand is a complex, multifaceted activities that involves co-ordinations of human, machines, resources etc so as to achieve the desired end-state or goal. Most leaders believe that certain principles, if followed steadfastly will lead to success. According to the former American Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger “Every great achievement is a dream before it becomes reality”. This statement aptly captured the situation with Singapore which moved from “third world to first world” due to focused and visionary leadership of Lee Kuan Yew. The Country moved from a nation of no natural resources and a land

mass of about 640km² greatly impoverished to a delight of visitors and dream of every forward looking nation.

In Brazil, Luiz Inacid Silva, popularly known as Lula, shot Brazil from ground zero to pedestal of responsibility where it is no longer looked down upon by other nations. Brazil's technology, agriculture and youth empowerment makes it a nation on the upward rise. Lula left his imprints in the heart of people after leaving the stage in 2011. He said that he did all he did for Brazil to prove that labour leaders could also make good administrators.

In the two instances above, what happened to the countries was its leadership edge. Focused and creative leadership, leadership that makes service to its people the fulcrum of its policies and actions. Leadership that turns poverty to prosperity, hopelessness to hope and hope to reality.

So many leaders have their approaches to leadership. Some believe that leaders are born while others are of the opinion that leaders are made. Many believe in reading wide and applying it in their leadership like Daniel in the book of Daniel 9:2 where he said "In the first Year of his reign, I Daniel understood by books.....". Some understands that human personality, particularly the WILL is always under pressure by two opposing forces i.e. the spirit of God to do the right

thing and the devil to do what is wrong all the time. Paul understood this perfectly when he said in Rom 7:19-23 that “For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.....”. It therefore suggests that some spiritual forces are at work to derail a leader in his administration. This means that for success in Leadership and Administration a believer must take both physical and spiritual actions to succeed in a catastrophic world. This is what I referred to in my presentation to the NASME Corps Members in November 2015 as a combined therapy.

One vital spiritual action is to submit to the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Before Jesus Christ left this world, He said to his disciples, “When the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the father, even the spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the father, he shall testify of me; And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning” John 15:26-27. “In split seconds, the Holy Spirit will intervene to direct leadership disasters, to reveal the right decisions to make, to help Christians through the most critical circumstances. He has alerted believers, even when separated by thousands of kilometres to pray or be available to assist Him when necessary. He has asked others to pray for a need weeks before the need surfaced. The busiest executives around

the world would pay any price to have a senior partner like Him” (David Yongi Cho).

If you refer to my strategy of Commandant forum as fantastic, if you refer to the administration put in place as wonderful, I refer you to my source, the Holy Spirit who is ever willing and able to make you outstanding in all that you desire to be and even more. He is a faithful friend who came to do all that the word declares He would do. He came to abide with us forever (Jn 14:16), to bring all things to our remembrance (Jn 16:26), to testify of Jesus (Jn 15:26), to guide us into all truth (Jn 16:13), to show us things to come (Jn 16:13), to glorify Jesus in everything (Jn 16:14).

The physical action includes, studying to acquire information, hard work, planning, meditation etc. It takes information to fully deliver the details of any vision, therefore fact hunting is key requirement for success. You can see why the Holy Spirit moved the ideas of establishing a library as part of the Corpers forum. I know that you all are better informed now even from the way you interact with me and you make reference to certain things you have read from some of the books in the library. All that pertains to life and godliness are in the books. I encourage you to have a well-planned life and you will be able to accommodate all the things you need to do so as to be a

star. When you think that all the things in your “to do” list are too numerous, then consider combining planning with hard work. You have all talked about my numerous achievements, Yes, I agree with you. My secret is planning, meditation and hard work. The bible encourages those who have problems in this regards to go to the ant, consider their ways and be wise (Prov 6:6-11). There is just not enough time to do everything on our “To do list” and there never well be successful people don’t try to do everything. They learn and focus on the most important task and make sure they get it done (Matt 6:33).

Let me at this point share 22 vital tips for effective personal time management, decision making, discipline and determination from Brain Tracy’s book titled “Eat that Frog” and Paul Enenche’s book on “30 secrets to the top”.

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1. SET THE TABLE

“There is one quality that one must possess to win and that is definiteness of purpose, knowledge of what one wants and a burning desire to achieve it”
Napoleon Hill.

2. BE DILIGENT

“Your work determines your worth”.

3. PLAN EVERY DAY IN ADVANCE

“Planning is bringing the future into the present so that you can do something about it now” Alan Akein

4. BE A RISK-TAKER

“Most front-liners are risk takers whether in gospel circle or wherever – most world shakers are risk-takers”.

5. CONSIDER THE CONSEQUENCES

“Everyman has become great, every successful man has succeeded, in proportion as he has confined his powers to one particular channel”. Orison Swett Morden

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6. CONNECT TO A FATHER'S BLESSING

“To go further in your hosen pursuit in life, you need a father

7. PRACTICE THE “A B C D E” METHOD CONTINUALLY

“Before you begin work on a list of tasks, take a few moment to organize them by value and priority, so you can be sure of working on your most important activities”.

8. FOCUS ON KEY RESULTS AREAS

“When every physical and mental resource is focused, one’s power to solve a problem multiplies tremendously”.

Norman Vincent Peale

9. BE A FIGHTER

“If you have made up your mind to get to the top, then you have made up your mind to be a fighter”.

10. OBEY THE LAW OF FORCED EFFICIENCY

“There is never enough time to do everything, but there is always enough time to do the most important concentration, in its truest, unadulterated form, means

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thing”. *Konar*

11. GO THE EXTRA MILE

“To get to the top, you must be ready to go the extra mile. Do not do what everyone is doing; do more than that”.

12. PREPARE THOROUGHLY BEFORE YOU BEGIN

“No matter what the level of your ability, you have more potential than you can ever develop in a lifetime”.

James T Mckay

13. DO YOUR HOME WORK

Proper prior preparation prevents poor performance.
“The only certain means of success is to render more and better service than is expected of you: no matter what your task may be”.

OG Mandino

14. LEVERAGE ON YOUR SPECIAL TALENTS

“Do your work. Not just your work and no more, but a little more for the lavishing sake – that little more that is worth all the rest”.(DEAN BRIGGS)

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15. HAVE CONFIDENCE IN GOD

“Those who trust in God cannot rust in life”.

16. IDENTIFY YOUR KEY CONSTRAINTS.

“Determine the bottlenecks or choke point, internally or externally, set the speed at which you achieve your most important goals and focus on alleviating them”.

“Concentrate all your thoughts on the task at hand. The Sun’s rays do not burn until it is brought to a focus”.

Alexander Graham Bell

17. TAKE IT ONE BARREL AT A TIME

Apply yourself wholly and indefatigably to one thing at a time.

18. PUT THE PRESSURE ON YOURSELF

Imagine that you have to leave town for a month and work as if you had to get all your major task completed before you left.

“The first requisite for success is to apply your Physical and mental energies to one problem

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Thomas Edison

19. MAXIMIZE YOUR PERSONAL POWERS

“Gather in your resources, rally all the faculties, Marshall all your energies, focus all your capacities upon mastery of at least one field of endeavour”.

John Haggai

20. MOTIVATE YOURSELF INTO ACTION

Be your own cheer leader. Look for the good in every situation.

It is in compelling zest of high adventure and of victory, and of creative action that man finds his supreme joys – *Antoine De Saint Exupery*

21. DO THE MOST DIFFICULT TASK FIRST

22. DEVELOP A SENSE OF URGENCY

“Do not wait; the time will never be just right. Start where you stand and work with whatever tools you may have at your command and better tools will be found as you go along. Become known as a person who does things quickly”.

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This is one secret I learnt by the books and I practice regularly. I am sure that you now understand better why I was able to achieve what I achieved in the Corpers forum and NASME as a whole within the 11 months of my sojourn. Make a decision to practice these principles every day until they become second nature to you. With these habits of personal management as a permanent part of your personality you will have ahead of you a world of possibilities.

See you at the top. God bless you all, I am very proud of you.

CHAPTER TWO



ORIGIN AND STRATEGY OF COMMANDANT'S PARADE

One of the power potentials of a state is population. This population also reflects the demography of the nation. For most nations, the productive population is where you have more of the youths. This is because the youths have distinguishing characteristics of strength, skills, fun, adventurous etc. Consequently, the youths are under two opposing forces. The first being the positive one, to maximize their potentials positively. In this regard you have government coming up with numerous

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are vital stages in life for building a human capitals that allow young people to avoid poverty and lead better and positively have a more fulfilling life.

The human capital funding in youth is thus an important determinant of long term program that a nation can invest on. God is also interested in this venture.

The other opposing forces is a negative one which thrives on the principle of globalization to bring all manner of negative, corrupt and perverse information to the doorstep of the youths via the internet. Considering the adventurous and daring nature of the youths, they will want to try most of those negative things they have accessed on the internet. The implication is that visions are killed, access to revelation is blocked and the future of these categories of youths becomes distorted. We as youths want

to have a level of happiness in the work we do, combined with a great level of responsibility at the same time. We want our opinions, our inputs, our presence and our entire being appreciated, then we begin to discover ourselves and the meaning of what we do in our workplace and life. We also find inspiration in religious and humanistic principles. We have different cultural and religious backgrounds. Many of us emphasise the importance of believing in God. Some

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Christian Faith is particularly expressive amongst us. Jesus Christ is considering a fundamental reference. For many of us, the Bible, particularly some specific texts are very inspiring. Some of us stress humanistic values founded on human dignity, human rights etc. Because of all these different orientations, we believe in ecumenism as a critical way of living our spirituality in community with each other.

The way out for youths who have been enslaved by the negative opposing force is through a well structured and or an orchestrated divine guidance. It is divine guidance that makes the journey of life great as you cannot operate by the ways of God and not cause waves in the air. A true vision is the unfolding of divine plan and purpose and a discovery of purpose for which one is created is called a vision. Therefore vision is knowing what one is here on earth for and divine guidance leads one into achieving the

vision (Proverbs 14:12). There is a way that seems right unto a man but the end thereof is destruction. The Yorubas have a popular adage which can be paraphrase as meaning that “the elders are instruments of direction to the youths.

Major General BO Ogunkale, the Commandant Nigeria Army School Military Engineer is a clear example of a God sent elder to Makurdi to put we youth Corps

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negative opposing force propelled by a combination of freedom, internet access and little allowances received from parents, NYSC and places of our primary assignments. The General adopted a strategy which is a subject of research till date by all youth Corps members.

COMMANDANT’S FORUM

The first strategy of guidance by the Commandant tagged ‘Commandant’s parade’ was a weekly interactive section with the Commandant during which he addressed very interesting subject matter like eyes for details, what the youths should know, laws of ideas, success strategies and systems, Entrepreneurship, life after the youth service, how to join the Armed Forces etc. The forum which the Corps members were reluctant to attend believing that it was one of those military parades began to grow from strength to

strength. Gradually, we found ourselves delving into a lot of spiritual topics which is captured as (Master Life discipleship program). The package was eye opening and mind blowing as many who hitherto believed that their knowledge of the scripture is outstanding soon discovered new insights and fresh revelations. During this package of several weeks, we were taken through the Disciples' Cross,

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Disciples' Mission. We also delve into other contemporary topics and issues. Two particular topics that we will never forget in a long time are;

1. Something is needful.
2. Sex

It was on interactive section and before we knew what it was, everybody opened up citing several instances which were thoroughly trashed out. Can you imagine that depending on the lecture for the day, we spent between two to six hours and we were never tired?

One topic we spent the longest time was on the 'Holy Spirit' this opened our eyes to the fact that we need this personality to help us in our day-to-day life so that we don't struggle to achieve God's purpose for our lives or in serving Him. We were further dazzled to discover that the Holy Spirit perform also many acts that only a person can perform. For example:

1. The Holy Spirit speaks (Rev 2:7).
2. The Holy Spirit prays for us (Rom 8 :26).
3. The Holy Spirit helps us in our weaknesses (Rom 8:26).
4. The Holy Spirit teaches us (John 14:26).
5. The Holy Spirit testifies of the Lord (John 15:26).
6. The Holy Spirit guides us (John 16:13).

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Jesus Christ (Acts 16:6-9).

8. The Holy Spirit calls people to work and appoint them to offices (Acts 13:2).
9. The Holy Spirit comforts believers (Act 9:31).
10. The Holy Spirit has the intellect to preach the deep things of God as well as searching and understanding the human heart (2Cor 2:10).

From all these, we became aware that the Holy Spirit is a person because the Bible continually uses personal pronoun to refer to the Holy Spirit e.g. “even the Spirit of truth which proceeded from the Father, He shall testify of me” (John 15:26). “If I go not away the comforter will not come unto you but if I depart I will send Him unto you..... and when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment (John 16:7-8). Since we caught this revelation, our lives changed tremendously with testimonies, signs and wonders as proves. This was

because we allowed the Holy Spirit to take charge of our lives. Thank God for the Commandant's Parade.

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ATTENDANCE TO CHURCH SERVICES

Commandant's parade was initially perceived as a motivational forum. Extending it to include attendance of Church Services may seem as going outside its mandate. We believe that the Commandant asked the Holy Spirit for divine strategy on how to move to this next and important level that will ensure the spiritual stability of the corps members. It all started with a simple invitation by the Commandant for interested members to follow him to the Wednesday programs in "Shelter of Glory Church". At the end of each Wednesday evening services, the Commandant would park in front of a super market in Makurdi town and ask all of us to go inside and pick an item each. This continued for some time and it was meeting the physical needs of his guest/invited persons. The news of this gesture spread like wild fire and the attendance increased tremendously. The teachings of the man of God Pastor King Omudu were also very powerful and one never prayed to miss a session. It may therefore be concluded that those who became interested as a result of the supermarket welfare later were hit by the word. WHAT A STRATEGY!!! Ultimately, Sunday services were gradually

introduced. On a typical Sunday we found ourselves attending three church services with this indefatigable General. From 6:30 am to 8:30 am – Living Faith Church Makurdi, from 8:30 am to 10:30 am, Shelter of Glory Church and from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon, NASME

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later became fun as at the end of most church services, we would all retire to the general's house to have lunch with him. Another interesting feature is that when we gathered in his house before 6:00 am for the Sunday Service, he usually chats with us and makes it a point of duty to give every one of us offering for Sunday Services whether we had or not. This blew our hearts and for most of us we took him to be our father and related with him as such. He was in and out of counselling session with us and our inner mind was rekindled with hope. His capacity for work is a thing that still dazzles us till date because we never heard for once that this man broke down. He must be running on divine energy that Bishop David Oyedepo will usually say!

CORPERS FORUM WELFARE

As our strength increased to 32 or more, the Commandant came up with another strategy of welfare. We believe that he drew inspiration from Jesus Christ who preached to multitudes and also saw the need to feed them. Mark 8:1-

8. Initially, Corper Zoe Bello was appointed as the Secretary and his schedules included purchase and distribution of all items needed during church services like offering envelopes, anointing oil, handkerchiefs, etc he was

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offering and general sensitization and passage of information from the Commandant to the Corps members. With the passage of time, the Commandant tasked Zoe to appoint a treasurer and Funke Bada was appointed. In a briefing session the Commandant told all of us to watch how funds would flow to the treasurer so that we can believe the saying in the word of God that “He gives seed to the sower” – Isa 55:10.

True to his word, people from strange places started giving us money. We vividly remember that a Senior executive in Central Bank gave us money, DG NYSC, Benue State governor etc. Since the establishment of the treasury till this time of writing, the purse has been growing from glory to glory.

With time, Corper Funke was tasked to appoint Corps member to take charge of the welfare matters, Obaya Bamidele and Liza Ikponwosa were appointed. Their appointment came on the hill of establishing a kitchen for the forum. So these categories of people handled the storage of food items purchased for the kitchen, cooking

and washing of dishes after the exercise. These two people became the bride of all the Corps members (both Christian and Muslim) as they were non-discriminatory in their reach out to peoples homes.

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Corper Omoniyi Ayodeji and Iterama Kome were appointed as Liberians by Dele and Liza when the need for Corps members to be grounded on the word of God and inspiring literature came to the fore. These people established the library with both books and audio messages and also ensured they reached out to other fellow Corp members making them see the need to borrow books. They threatened other Corps members that they will present the reports on who and who that have borrowed books to the Commandant. This alone made most of the Corps members to be interested and they would not want their father to be disappointed when he goes through the report from the library department.

To coordinate the movement of Corps members to and from services, Corper Chima was appointed as the transportation coordinator. Chima controls and makes arrangements for programs that require transportation for people. He also meets the treasurer for money to pay for the bus. The young man did the job so well that fellow Corps members gave him the title "OC transport".

All these welfare arrangements united all the Corps members together as brothers and sisters making us our ~~brotherhood~~. This leadership style is divine and unique.

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POSTING OF THE COMMANDANT

In December 2015, most of the Corps members travelled on holiday, it was during this period that rumours of the Commandant's posting out of NASME started filtering in. On resumption, a few Corps members went to confront the Commandant in his office and all he told them was that he has not seen anything of such. During the Tuesday Commandant's forum that preceded this visit, the Commandant took a powerful message on "Planning, Preparation and Hard work". After the message, the next slide on the screen read "BOMB BLAST" it was at this juncture he confirmed the posting. In his words he said God is not a user of men but a rewarder and that his new posting is certainly a reward of all he has done for them as Corps members and to the entire barracks Community. He encouraged us not to feel bad but instead be happy since the posting is more of an elevation.

What followed next was his preparation for us. The Commandant immediately flashed a preaching timetable reflecting the topics that we were to handle for the next two months. The next slide showed the arrangement for the

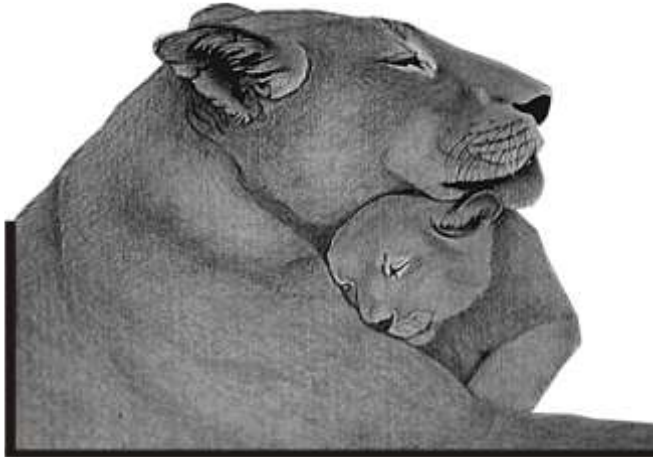
bean, garri, tubers or yam etc which was equally to last for the next two months. For the OC transport, he invited him and personally briefed him giving him money to cover for this period. Finally, he insisted that reports must be written on every corpers forum activity and forwarded to him.

CORPERS FORUM AFTER COMMANDANT DEPARTURE

Our situation can best be described as the situation with the disciples in Acts 2 after the departure of Jesus Christ. All the teaching of the Commandant became real to us particularly that of allowing the Holy Spirit to be our friend and senior partner. We all were dazzled at the preaching of the various Corp members during the Commandant's forum. Some Spirit have obviously been injected into all of us that has put us all on fire. The writing of this book **"LOVE BEYOND BORDER"** is our outward expression of what this Commandant has impacted in us and we therefore recommend this book to all wishing live an impactful life. God bless you all.

Zoe and Funke

CHAPTER THREE



PORTRAIT OF LOVE

Biblical love is not selfish, conditional and self-centred it is spread abroad to all. The death of Jesus on the cross of Calvary was an act of love towards the sinful man. By this act of love man received redemption from sin and became heirs with Christ.

“Behold what manner of love the father has bestowed that we should be called the children of God: therefore the world knows us not because it knew him not” (1 John 3vs 1)

The grace of God is not limited to some tribe or nation but to all who believe on the only begotten son of

God. "For the grace of God that brings Salvation has appeared unto all men". Titus 2:11

The above scripture told us of the grace which has appeared unto all men not some persons. The idea of discrimination and tribalism is not from God but from the pit of hell which the devil has instilled in the heart of men to cause enmity between God's creations. Jesus Christ came for all and not some special individuals.

The religious Christians and Muslims believe to be a different people entirely and are ready to go on different parts but this is not so for a true Christian and Muslim brother. There is no division in the kingdom of God so we must learn to live together as one despite the religion, tribe or nation. If we can obtain and practice the love of God, there would be no battle on earth for us to fight anymore. I want us to know that love has no enemy. The only enemy love has is the devil. Anyone who claims to be praying against one witch or wizards has forgotten the foundation on which he stands. In a way of diversion, the only recognised enemy in the bible is the devil.

"Be sober, be vigilant because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion walks about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8). God's hands are opened wide to receive as many that will receive him.

“Behold I stand at the door and knock, if any man hears my voice and open the door, I will come to him and sup with him and he will with me” (Rev 3:20). Imagine someone says, I wish this man who he claims to be his enemy suffers and dies or God stops every good thing coming his way. Let me tell you God does not have any enemy except the devil, when he fights against the children of God. If someone thinks because he has taken his fellow as his enemy and therefore God will join in the enmity, he has not studied very well about God, because that man who is your enemy cannot be God’s enemy at the same time.

“You have heard that it has been said, you shall love your neighbour, and hate your enemy but I say to you love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you and pray for them who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be the children of your father who is in heaven: for he makes his sun to rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the just and on the unjust” (Matt 5 : 43-45).

Let’s consider some special features of the train system as they teach us more of how our love for others should be.

THE TRAIN SYSTEM TRAVELS BEYOND STATES

It is noted that the train travels beyond states. It is not geographically limited and that is why the railway is not straight because it must get to the next state and continue its journey to others or to other states. What a lesson you should learn from the train system.



The Commandant's parade which encompasses Corps members from different States and culture is worthy of emulation as it has brought us together under one umbrella. In the Commandant's parade, lectures and studies of the word of God are taught by the founder Maj Gen BO Ogunkale. Everyone is fed to satisfaction as it was in the acts of apostles.

“And the multitude of them that believed was of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that any of the things which he possessed was his own but they had all things common” (Act 4:32).

It is important to know that God’s love is not limited to the white but also to the blacks. Our love for others should not be limited to those people who are of the same bloodline with us, community, state and nation at large. Let’s share love equally with others.

THE TRAIN SYSTEM CARRIES PASSENGERS OF DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL BACKGROUND

God’s love should be likened to the train that carries passengers of different cultural and religious background. God didn’t separate part of his creatures to be loved but he loved all. What a great lesson we should learn from this point that segregation and criticism is not a nature of God.

Man has decided to recreate himself by learning and developing strange attitudes which were not initially formed with him. In fact there are some marriages which are quite exemplary in Nigeria because of the different tribes that are involved. Discrimination has eaten deep into our system that we tend to forget where we all come from. God is the creator and the source of everything.

THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

LUKE 10:25-37 gave a vivid account of the Jewish trader who, while travelling, was attacked and robbed of all his possession. As he lay helpless by the wayside, three different people, a Priest, a Levite and a Samaritan passed by seeing the man in his dying state but only one of them took the appropriate action.

Question: From the parable told by Jesus Christ, which one showed love?

The priest saw the robbery victim in a half dead state according to the Old Testament law, a priest who touched a dead body makes himself ceremonially impure (Lev 21 1-4).

The priest and religious Levite decided not to get involved. Jesus audience might have been expecting the third character to be a Jewish lay person but Jesus added a twist by making the one who showed love a Samaritan- a racial minority despised in Israel. In this way Jesus contrasted mere religious beliefs with true love.

Today I ask: who would you give that job vacancy? Your nephew who is not professionally qualified or that young man who has all it takes to move your establishment or that organisation you head to the next higher level. Let me intimate you, the kingdom of God measures your wealth

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positively.

I cry in my heart when I see that young man with intellectual ability, focus and determination but no one to help. Some struggled and did all they could but later

became school drop-out. The less privileged are abandoned to their fate but I know that there are men and women who have stripped themselves to carry the cross of Jesus, who have sworn with their lives to be impactful and to live all their lives changing lives no matter the cost. These set of people would use their last strength to bring a smile to the destiny of an individual. They have not hidden their talents, resources, time and energy but have willingly submitted all.

There was one goal that Jesus Christ the son of the living God sought to achieve, to bring all round transformation to humanity and this was what he achieved through his death on the cross of Calvary. This He has committed into our dear lives to be ambassadors for him here on earth.

“And all things are of God, who have reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and has given to us the ministry of reconciliation.

That is, God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and has committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech

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GOD. FOR HE MADE HIM, WHO KNEW NO SIN, TO BE SIN FOR US, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him” (2 Cor 5:18-21).

Should we react to this great call by our creator or should we ignore it? The decision is yours to make. One

thing is certain that on the last day God will ask you and me the impact we made while on earth. You may have been created to touch only one life who is not your blood but a different person entirely. What if greed, selfishness, Laziness, tribal discrimination is the reasons why you failed to accomplish your mission on earth. The life you saved today may save millions tomorrow.

To wrap up this session let me say few words about the founder of the Commandant's parade; Major General BO Ogunkale. He is one man God has delivered to this generation. He uses and seizes every opportunity to bring the desired change to the life of someone. He is devoted to carrying out the assignment Jesus Christ has committed into every man's hand. Don't let your story be told differently! Major General Ogunkale's life can best be understood by the song of Kirk Franklin which says "I am here, you don't have to worry, I can see your tears, I'll be there in a hurry when you call, friends are there to catch you when you fall, here's my shoulder you can lean on me". His shoulder indeed is worth leaning on.

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IS EVANGELISM, THE ONLY WAY TO WIN SOULS?

Many well meaning Christians begin their evangelistic effort with the good news of God's love for mankind, the message is lost on unbelievers who must first come to grips with the extent of the bad news. First, man is separated from a holy

and righteous God by Sin. God hates sin and day by day he is angry with the wicked (Psalm 9:1)

The unsaved person stands in mortal peril of the wrath of the holy God as Heb 10:31 reminds that 'it is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the Living God. Man's nature is corrupt and fallen and he is dead in trespasses and sin (ph 2:1). He cannot even save himself in spite of his good intentions, and incapable of doing anything about the situation. Until the full extent of the bad news is presented, the good news cannot be effectively communicated.

But now comes the good news, what man couldn't do to save himself, God accomplished on the cross. Jesus exchanged his righteousness and holy nature for our sinful nature. So that we can stand before God completely clean and pure, new creatures with old sin nature gone forever (2cor 5:17-21). If this good news has been gotten by some set of people, they should not be self centred Christians but rather declare this news to the rest of the world through massive spread of the gospel.

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WHAT THEN IS EVANGELISM

Evangelism is derived from the Greek word 'evaggelion' meaning gospel or good the verbal form of evangelizesthai meaning 'to bring' or 'to announce good news' (acts 8:4, 25, 35).

The dictionary defines evangelism as the preaching of the gospel or the practice of giving information about a

particular doctrine or set of belief to a person with the aim of winning the person

Many would prefer 'a holistic' definition or one that takes into account the good news of the kingdom. This might be stated as evangelism is the spirit led communication of the gospel of the kingdom in a way or ways that the recipient have the valid opportunity to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and become responsible member of his church. This definition takes into consideration the essential work of the holy spirit

Luke 8:2-56 shows how Jesus brought the good news, he not only preached, he demonstrated his power over the forces of nature serving his fearful disciples. He exercised a demon healed a poor woman haemorrhaged for twelve years and raised James' daughter.

He clearly brought the good news by the word and deeds, not by the word only. And from Romans 15:18-19,

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THE MAIN ORIGIN OF EVANGELISM

Evangelism sprang majorly as a result of the mandate given by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ as he was departing from the disciples, he sent us out as his messengers John 20:21 to make obedient disciples, who in turn produce other active and instant disciples of Christ (Mt. 28:18)

HOW DO I GO ABOUT IT?

I really love to serve the lord, but I for one don't know how to evangelize and the process it involves. Have is spoken your mind?

Let's look at how to evangelize and practical steps to follow. The starting point in evangelism should be same as the first evangelists. John the Baptist and Jesus himself. Jesus began his ministry with Matthew 3:2 'Repent for the kingdom of heaven is near. This involves verbal communication making people see their wrong (bad news), sorrows of the past offence (2 Corinthians 7:10) and a deep sense of evil against God (Psalm 57:4) and most importantly give the good news of our merciful and loving father (Ephesians 2:8-9) ready and willing to accept back with arms open wide not considering how far you have gone from him.

Biblical evangelism most especially verbally must be

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the right people, for the moment, utterance, and speedy convictions, believe, victory must have been attained in the spiritual first before manifesting in the physical.

Constant follow up be carried out to make sure, the converts are stabilized in faith as this helps to reinforce their right standing with God.

IS EVANGELISM THE ONLY WAY TO PREACH GOD'S LOVE?

The answers to this question is a straight forward No. we will be seeing some other ways of making Christ impact felt

RENDERING INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Intercession is defined as a holy, believing, persevering prayers whereby someone, pleads with God on behalf of others who desperately needs God's intervention. Intercessory prayer is praying on behalf of others

An individual or group of people make it a point of duty to pray for other peoples conviction, conversion and establishment in faith. It takes praying, fasting and standing in gap for people known and unknown salvation and stability in Christ.

EVANGELISM BY LIFESTYLE

The day I heard the saying 'you read are the Bible people read' I had to bed God for a change in my lifestyle. Our behaviours and relationship with people preaches the

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scriptures.

Christian should make conscious effort to live their lifestyle after Jesus as many as fallen astray by that disgusting attitude that brother or sister saw you do, they see our lives even before remembering to open the scripture.

When people find you attractive and loving they are attracted to the loving God you serve and with daily encounter with Christ in your life they become transformed. Live right and people will see the gospel in your life. Live right and people will ask about your loving God

GIVING

This is one of the easiest and vital ways to introduce Christ to a fellow, if done with loving attitudes. What are we now saying to Christians who don't practice giving. There comes a time after you gibe tirelessly to an individual and you introduced Christ to the person or invites him/her to church the urge is there to follow and from there Christ is established in the person's life

TESTIMONIES

Testimonies: testimonies are real ways to draft individuals to Christ, most especially testimonies on the sweet

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in Christ. When people also testify of the goodness of God, on breakthrough, deliverance etc. people get moved to serve that same God.

CONCERTS AND CRUSADES

These are modern and popular ways amongst churches and group of people, the most of which are revivals, seminars, vacation, music and drama presentation as this is most preferred.

Prominent men of God like Reinhard Bonnke, Pastor E.A Adeboye, Papa Oyedepo organizes crusade and through which they massively give there lives to Christ.

EVANGELISM STRATEGY IN NASME

As established earlier on, there are various approaches to evangelism. As corp members in a strange land, we found comfort in Major General BO Ogunkale who we learnt the other means of evangelism using his lifestyle.

Jesus said to his disciples, whatever ye have seen and hear me say do continue ye in it, the commandment urged us to love God with our vibrancy, because our glory as youth is in our strength.

The commandant sacrificed his time, as corp members serving in NASME barracks meets with him every Tuesday for the commandant parade a platform he uses to

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unveils the wonders and mysteries in the word of God. He also takes his time to lecture us on real life issues and challenges youth are likely to be faced with and how to overcome. I can say boldly that anyone who put his/her heart to all he has taught cannot remain on the same platform but transformed to another being.

I learnt from him that giving is a very good strategy to evangelize as about three cars won't occupy all that follow him to church, what did they see in him? Its majority its lifestyle of giving, which later on points them to God. I have tried this tactic and its working for me

The commandant major Gen. BO Ogunkale ministers to our bellies every Saturday via the welfare department, following Jesus when he conducted the mega miracle of feeding the five thousand that came to learn at his feet by his supremacy. He welcomed the new corp

members that were discharged from the orientation camp for days and their answers of what and who to follow, whether not to serve God were answered just by that singular action

The emergence of the library is a step forward to reinforce our spiritual standing as a Liberian was chosen and the library stocked with life changing books, which fed us spiritually and stabilized our spiritual stand in him.

Presently I am reading 'the richest man in Babylon' the work as opened my eyes to secrets of wealth making.

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1. A part of all earn is mine to keep
2. Control expenditure to protect the growing treasure
3. Making the gold multiply
4. Guarding my treasures from loss
5. Insuring a future income
6. Increased ability to earn to mention but a few.

The book changed my mentality about money.

I oversee the treasury department as this has been a wonderful time for me to perform the core function of imputing financial inflow and outflow and also look at pressing needs to the parade before the release of fund.

I am so grateful to God for ordering my steps to meet Major General BO Ogunkale as I have learnt numerous things during the service year and there by sharpening myself

Let Christ be seen in everything you do.



Bada Olufunke

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CHAPTER FOUR



ADMINISTRATION IN THE LIGHT OF LOVE

The book of 1 Corinthians 13:13 says “And now abideth faith, hope, love these three but the greatest of these is love”.

There’s definitely no gain in anything we do, if it is not done in love. The success of anything or an activity glows in love. For us to understand the concept of “Administration” in love, it is very important we know what administration is.

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Learners Dictionary, is the activities that are done in order to plan, organise and run a business, school, or other institution.

The best definition of Love is found in the Bible in 1 John 4:8 “He who does not love does not know God for God is love”.

Administration in love can be said to be those activities that is carried out in love i.e having God in view. If Jesus Christ was to be in charge of these activities, would He have done it the way I am handling it now? This should guide us.

“By this shall all men know that you are my disciples if ye love one another” (John 13:35 kjv).

Administering in love sure has some characteristics which includes;

Tolerance- very important, because of the heterogeneous audience.

Humility- there's need to come down to the level of the people or your sub-ordinates.

Sincerity- we serve a sincere God, we should follow his foot prints.

Honesty-let our yes be yes and no be no.

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meanings.

Part of the great success being witnessed in many organizations today is as a result of the type of administrative style observed.

Every organisation is as good as the administration. When the administration is bad definitely it will show and if good will manifest too.

Many Christians fail God in their positions as administrators. If Jesus came to earth in human flesh and ran a noteworthy administration, so likewise his children should and must emulate him. God for a purposeful reason has kept his children in positions of authority to activate the aim of kingdom advancement and in our relationship with our subordinates, that aim should be achieved.

In the first book of Corinthians 12 vs 28, it was shown how Jesus Christ our perfect example handled people under him.

“And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers then miracles then gifts of healings, helps, “ADMINISTRATIONS” and various kinds of tongue”.

God expects us to follow 1 Cor 14:40 “but all things must be done properly and in orderly manner”.

As leaders, in our place of work, we should learn how to serve other people, serve and make them feel
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valued.

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Acts 6 verses 1-7 gave an illustration of when the disciples were increasing in number just as Corps members are increasing at the Commandant's parade today. The twelve were facing challenges and had to select seven other men to put in charge of task, these brought about the appointments of officials heading the parade today and so likewise orderliness was achieved.

Jesus rules in love and compassion for his followers as we read in the bible when people came to hear him talk and were hungry, he went out of the ordinary to feed them. What will Jesus do, if He were to be in that position of yours?

Revolt, chaos and anarchy are not farfetched from an administration that is bad. There's need for people, goods and services to be around for administration to take place.

What then has been driving force for the success been recorded in various administration? It's not far-fetched, it's called love.

Love transcends above or beyond what we have called or defined it to be. The bible says that God is love in other words "When we talk about love we have God in view. He is the centre of it all"

Jesus Christ himself understood the concept of love that's why he had a good administration among his disciples and they were very close to him. They learnt the virtue of administration of love from their master as was seen in the acts of apostle's chapter 4.

Love paves ways for better things and greater achievements to happen. Love brings about greater vision for the attainment of greater heights of any organisations, it make room for adjustments and forgives all wrongs so that all can achieve a common goal.

The things that love can do in any organization can never be overemphasised. Love is basic, necessary and very needful for things to work out well.

Administration in love has been one of the unique ways Major General BO Ogunkale has used in building a lasting legacy which is manifested in the Corpers parade as well as other places he has held command and leadership positions.

As at the time the parade started, he was having the sole responsibility of managing the forum. As time went on, God began to enlarge the coast of the forum and he saw a need to raise men of like passions to be partakers of the

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following,

ZoeBello Amos as Secretary of the forum

Funke Bada as the Treasurer

Dele and Lisa as the Welfarians

Omoniyi Ayodeji and Kome as the Librarian

Chima as Director of Transport

These people were not just appointed to be there, but the General himself in his wisdom, made sure they were worthy stewards, who could give a justifiable account on the last day. He thought them how to administer in love and these is seen in the way they do things.

That of the welfare for example, they always make sure the meals were prepared on time on Saturdays. They really put their heart to work. They also make sure that all Corpers were being invited and reminded about the Commandant's parade on Tuesday evenings. These things they do in love and it has paved way for greater and better achievements.

When love is lacking, everything falls apart and the centre can no longer hold. We have to be the peoples

person i.e deprive ourselves a whole lot of comfort to really administer in love. Remember Jesus Christ invested in people. Live and let's live, for love is the greatest among

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Pictures of some books in the corper's forum library

CHAPTER FIVE



LEADERSHIP DRIVEN BY LOVE

We understand from the Bible in the book of Proverbs 24:3 that “through wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established”.

The leadership and management style of Major General BO Ogunkale can best be described with the above scriptures. Needless to say, as these can be evidenced in his numerous achievements both as a good leader and manager. As we highlight on these, it is very

leadership and management.

What is leadership? It is the function of a person who guides or directs a group of individuals. It can also be said to be the act of inspiring sub-ordinates to perform and engage in achieving a goal.

FEATURES OF LEADERSHIP

- Establishment of a clear vision
- Sharing the vision for others to follow willingly
- Provision of information, knowledge and methods to realize the vision
- Coordinating and balancing the conflict interests of members

Management on the other hand simply implies the act of running or controlling an organization or the skill of dealing with people in a successful way. For so many centuries leadership has been one of the thriving forces that have continued to revolve around the globe. No organization, people and even country can thrive without a good leadership and management.

It is very important that one understands, we can have a good leader who is a bad manager and also a good manager who is a bad leader, but this cannot be found in the record of Maj Gen BO Ogunkale as he has excelled in

both. Thus leadership and management are very important and their importance cannot be overestimated.

Leadership on its own is automatically different from rulership! When you rule, you tend to be a dictator and commander, but when you lead, it's done by example. No wonder sometimes, majorly all the people you are leading are actually not hearing what you are saying but rather the only language they understand is what they see you do. In respect to these assertion, leadership therefore is not a child's play.

For anyone to be successful in leadership, he or she must first of all lead him/her self. This takes us to some qualities that are expected of a good leader and manager.

1. Exemplary Character- lead by example
2. Sacrificial lifestyle- sometimes other's interest needs to be top on your priority list. There's no gain without pain and there's no good leadership without sacrifice.
3. Humility – ability to bring yourself down to the level of your subject
4. Free from ethnic barriers
5. Creative and is able to think and act creatively in difficult situations
6. Enthusiastic about his/her work
7. Trustworthy, patient, has confidence and tolerant.

Major General BO Ogunkale can be said to be one of the world's greatest leader and manager, who has been endowed with a lot of the above mentioned leadership prowess. He is a good leader and also a good manager and this are all evidenced in his life and some of the projects which have been accomplished under his leadership. For the NASME community, including the Corps members and even generations to come, it will definitely take them time for them to recover from all what he has done for they are just simply amazing.

Gen BO Ogunkale is a man who believes that investment on humans is one of the greatest thing any man can do after all Jesus Christ our saviour spent all his time on earth investing in people, the holy book is full of the leadership and management style of Jesus Christ.

No man can succeed in leadership and management, if he/she does not have any footprint they are following, in the light of these; the general himself has followed a great and better footprint of our Lord Jesus Christ.

His leadership and management style are so amazing that one can perceive him rightly saying like Apostle Paul, "Imitate me, as I imitate Christ Jesus". He was an all-round epitome of a good leader and manager. He was not a dictator neither was he a boss but he is a

leader. He brought himself low to the level of the people he was leading, so that they can have access to him.

As for his management prowess, he had great strategies, especially as regards the Corpers forum. Some people were appointed, this he carefully did. A good planner is he, as he knew what to be done at each time of the day. The very best of opportunities were fully utilized and he never failed to rely on the one who know all things "The Holy Spirit" he knows perfectly well that he could go nowhere without the help of the Holy Spirit. He was managing the barracks both resources and residents wise. In spite the tediousness of the work around him, he still had time for the Corpers forum, his reading and writing scheduling and attending fellowships. Anytime he talks, he always place emphasis on planning, because it helps one go very far.

On a final note, it's pertinent to say, for every good leadership, a good management will not be far-fetched. They both work hand in hand to achieve a common goal.

Often times, some people tend to wonder how the General was able to marry leadership and management together. He is a good man and his works definitely are speaking for him.



Corp members serving in NASME celebrating and cooking during one of Commandant's Parade



Pictures of some members of Commandants Parade
After Sunday Service

CHAPTER SIX



TYPICAL TEACHINGS BY THE COMMANDANT

Despite the Commandant's tight schedule and demanding itineraries, he usually makes out time to research himself into the word of God and to teach extensively on critical issues. Some of these teachings have begun to produce practical results in our lives. After listening to the lecture on entrepreneurship, one of us decided to start a fishery business to yield income and turnover profits. The business is doing well and has proven

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articulate some of the teachings in this Chapter so that we do not partake of the blessings alone but share with others who were not privileged to attend the Corpers' Seminar.

SUCCESS IN A CATASTROPHIC WORLD

The major issues facing our planet are of a magnitude that no one institution or organization can address on its own. They require the pooling and sharing of knowledge across institutions, across disciplines and across continents. Among these issues of global concern are the social trends and the changes in the natural world which will impact our planet and its many populations in the near future. The crisis which erupted in the financial system of developed countries in the autumn of 2008 quickly affected all economies throughout the world. The result was job losses, enterprise bankruptcies and cuts in the incomes of millions of people.

According to the most recent estimates, in 2012, 12.7% of people in the developing world lived at or below 1.90 dollars per day. That is down from 37% in 1990 and 44% in 1981. This means that in 2012, 896million people lived on less than 1.90 dollars a day, compared with 1.91billion in 1990, and 1.93billion in 1981. More than 80%

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differentials are widening. The poorest 40% of the world's population accounts for 5% of global income. The richest 20% accounts for three-quarters of world income.

Youth development and empowerment are vital stages in life for building the human capital that allows young people to avoid poverty and lead better, and possibly

have a more fulfilling life. The human capital formed in youth is thus an important determinant of long term growth that a nation can invest on. Hence, making sure that youths are well prepared for their future is enormously important to the course of poverty reduction and growth. Africa is a continent with a massive population of young people. More than half of Africa's population is aged less than 21 years and two-thirds less than 30 years.

The National Academy of Engineering identified 14 “Grand Challenges” that need to be solved in order to improve quality of life and health, create a sustainable future and increase renewable energy.

The 14 “Grand Challenges” include:

- 1) Providing access to clean water.
- 2) Preventing nuclear terror.
- 3) Engineering better medicines.
- 4) Advancing health informatics – developing better
counter pandemics and biological or chemical attacks.
- 5) Making solar energy economical
- 6) Developing carbon sequestration methods –capturing
and storing excess carbon dioxide to prevent global
warming
- 7) Securing cyberspace

- 8) Reverse-engineering the brain – engineers are trying to create computers capable of emulating human intelligence.
 - 9) Managing the nitrogen cycle – engineers can help restore balance to the nitrogen cycle with better fertilization technologies and by capturing and recycling waste. Controlling the impact of agriculture on the global cycle of nitrogen is a growing challenge for sustainable development.
 - 10) Providing energy from fusion – fusion is the energy source for the sun. Human engineered fusion has been demonstrated on a small scale. The challenge is to scale up the process to commercial proportions, in an efficient, economical and environmentally benign way.
 - 11) Restoring and improving urban infrastructure
 - 12) Engineering the tools of scientific discovery
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- engineered to give users the impression of being somewhere they are not. It can be used for training, treatment and communication
- 14) Advancing personalized learning -- Instruction can be individualized based on learning styles speeds and interest to make learning more liable.

Within the framework of potential efforts and strategies to boost employment and job creation for young people, entrepreneurship is increasingly accepted as an important means and a valuable additional strategy to create jobs and improve livelihoods and economic independence of young people. Regrettably, problems of unemployment as experienced by the educated youths and even the uneducated but skilled youths have become more pathetic in many developing economies, despite the neo-liberal strategies in addressing the issue of enhancing human capital.

From the fore-going, it can be safely deduced that evil forces are at work. “The world is overcome by vertigo, as its occult powers were conscientiously trying to block all the emergency exits.” – Jean –Claude Soulerly, Journalist.

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mentality amongst the National Youth Corp Members with a view to encouraging them to face “the world ahead” with a greater determination to succeed.

SCOPE

The presentation shall cover the following:

1. Nigerian Economic Outlook.

2. Youth Unemployment Survey in Nigeria.
3. Vision and Divine Guidance.
4. Entrepreneurship.
5. Success Systems.
6. Foundation for Success.

1. **NIGERIANS ECONOMIC OUTLOOK**

As of 2001, the most conspicuous fact about Nigerian's economy is that the corruption and mismanagement of its post-colonial governments has prevented the channelling of the country's abundant natural and human resources- especially its wealth in crude oil-into lasting improvements in infrastructure and in the construction of sound base for self-sustaining economic development.

The total revenue in the Federation account was 12% of GDP in 2013. This is to be compared with government

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and morocco, who do not export oil, and 33.8% of GDP in Algeria, 41% of GDP in Angola, both of who export oil like Nigeria.

The stark fiscal reality is that Nigerian Government currently has less than half of the revenue required to deliver quality governance. Thus, despite its abundant resources, Nigeria is poorer today than it was at independent in 1960. Still one of the less develop and

poorer countries of the world, it has the potentials to become a major economic power if the leaders resolved to learn from past mistake and to harness the country's rich natural and human resources for a productive and sustained effort to promote economic development.

2. YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT SURVEY IN NIGERIA

Nigeria's unemployment can be grouped into two categories:

- a. The older unemployed who lost their jobs through retrenchment, redundancy or bankruptcy.
- b. The younger unemployed, most of who have never tasted what it is to be employed (Oyebade, 2003).

According to statistics from the Manpower Board and the Federal Bureau of Statistics, Nigeria has a youth population of 80 million, representing 60% of the total population of the country. 64 million of them unemployed, while 1.6 million are under-employed. The 1990 - 2000 data on youth unemployment showed that the largest group of the unemployed is the secondary school graduates. There are also 40% unemployment rate among urban youth aged 20 - 24 and a 31% rate among those aged 15 - 19. Two-third of the urban unemployed ranges from 15 – 24 years old. Moreover, the educated unemployed tended to be young males with few dependents. There are relatively

few secondary school graduates and the lowered job expectations of primary- school graduates.

The Two Opposing Forces

And there was four leprous men at the entering in of the gate: and the said one to another, why sit we here until we die?

If we say, we will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also; now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians; if they save us alive we shall live, and if they kill us, we shall but die.

And they rose up in the twilight, to go unto the camp

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part of the camp of Syria, behold, there was no man there.

For the Lord had made the host of Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host: and the said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us.

Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life.

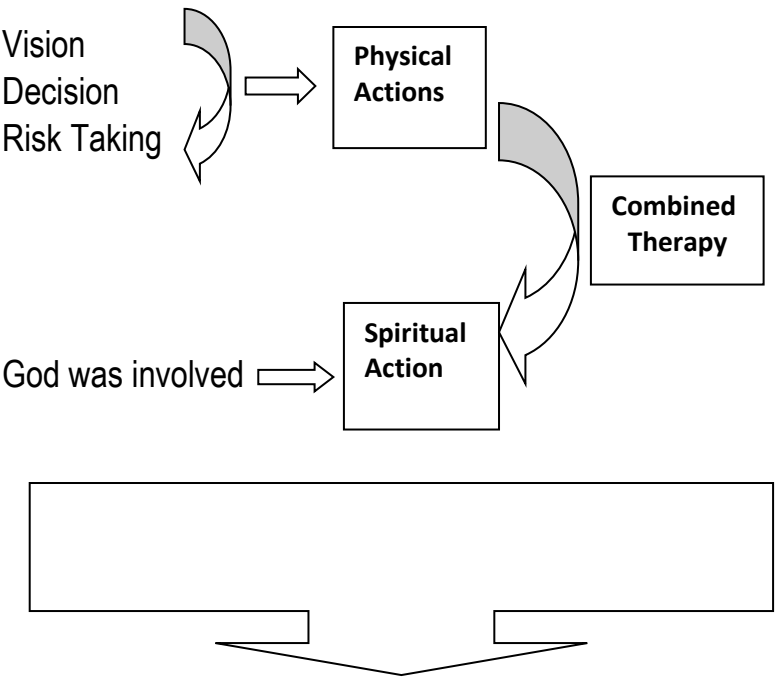
And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went

and hid it, and came again, and entered into another tent,
and carried thence also, and went and hid it.
2kings7:3- 8

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ANALYSES OF THE FORCES



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3. VISION AND DIVINE GUIDANCE

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everyone that has been redeemed. We have been redeemed as priests and kings, and God's plan for us is that we reign on the earth (Rom 8:29-30, Rev5:10).

- Knowing what is yours but not knowing how to get at it can be very frustrating. Isaiah 2:2-3 and Micah 4:1-2 makes it very clear that the unfolding of God's ways is what will bring down His glory upon the Church.
- The quality of revelation the church has access to is what will determine the quality and weight of glory that she is able to enjoy.

- It is divine guidance that makes the journey of life great, as you cannot operate by the ways of God and not cause waves on the earth.
- And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God.
- A true vision is the unfolding of Divine plan and purpose.
- A discovery of the purpose for which you are created is

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- Vision is, knowing what you here on earth for. It is a divine insight into God's plan for your life and is very important that you discover what it is, as it puts an end to a life of struggles.
- Since God created you to perform a specific task, then He should be allowed to show you how to do it.
- While vision shows you the Promised Land, God's guidance is what enables you to arrive there.

- The Bible says in Proverbs 14:12 that *“There is way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”*
- It is God’s leading that makes the journey of life great.

4. ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Laws of Ideas – Leke Alder. According to the creative expert, here are the seven foundational pieces of intelligence to act upon to successfully convert intangible thoughts into multimillion dollar revenue streams.

a. **Ideas need a worthy host.** Someone to incubate it.

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depart if not taken seriously.

- b. **Ideas take over the life of the host.** All successful ideas are run by people who are totally, totally committed to what they do. You must be totally committed.
- c. **Ideas become you.** That’s why companies take on the persona of their founders. Only Richard Branson can start an airline, call it Virgin and get away with it!
- d. **Ideas like to multiply.**
- e. **Nothing is impossible to ideas.** Just think big. Ideas don’t know impossibility.

- f. **An idea cannot grow bigger than the host.** Expand your mind. God has no problem with thinking. You cannot accommodate a large vision with a small mind.
- g. **Ideas work with integrity.**

TRAITS OF A SUCCESSFUL ENTREPRENEUR

Passion

This might seem like an obvious trait, but you would be surprised by how many entrepreneurs start companies because they want to “get rich” but do not necessarily believe in the idea or love the product. You don’t have to be a “type A” personality to run a prosperous enterprise, or a workaholic who gives up every other aspect of his or her

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less burdensome if you love what you do.

Motivation

Managing a start-up often means you are one of only a small number of employees — if not the only employee. There will be no boss standing over you making sure things get done, no deadlines set by outside forces to spur you on and no immediate consequences if you decide to go see a movie instead of getting work done. However, while there may be no consequences — such as losing your job — there may still be repercussions. Your company will only be as successful as you make it, and that requires a firm commitment to producing quality work in a timely manner.

Calculation

Before you do anything, sit down and plan your day, your week and for the current quarter, your company goals. Define what “success” means to you and do not use generalizations. Specify that in 90 days your business should “sell 10,000 units per week,” Create short-term plans with actionable tasks to help you reach smaller milestones along your start-up journey. You cannot build a highly profitable company overnight, so these should be your stair- steps on the path to reaching your long-term

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Instead of wait for it to simply happen.

Education

The most accomplished people never reached a point where they believe they have all the answers. They cultivate a network of peers with different specializations they can bounce ideas off. They read articles and books on a regular basis to stay on top of emerging trends and industry best practices. They attend conferences, events, and workshops to learn new skills and hone old ones. No matter how successful you or your business become, never assume you know everything and always seek out opinions and ideas that challenge what you already know.

Tenacity

Whether you call it tenacity or stubbornness, all successful entrepreneurs refuse to call it quits. Every start-up will hit the occasional bump in the road — times when things do not go as planned, or outright fail. These are the times when the most brilliant business people separate themselves from the rest of the pack. Smart entrepreneurs know that every failure and missed opportunity is a chance to learn something and grow, both personally and professionally. Instead of agonizing over mistakes, they

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in place to avoid repeats of those mistakes. They ignore naysayers who suggest it might be time to throw in the towel; they thrive in the face of adversity.

5. SUCCESS SYSTEMS

“Any Endeavour that God is not given a proper place is at risk and may soon end up in crises. The management of these crises gave birth to insurance companies/ packages”.

For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, for we are also his offspring. Act 17:28

- ✓ We all have equal opportunities to either succeed or fail in life. Everyone born into the world has the same starting point.
- ✓ Your life is a gift to you from God, but what you do with it, is your gift to the world.
- ✓ Success can be defined, as the satisfactory realization of a given goal or set objective, satisfactory, accomplishment in the pursuit of given purpose.
- ✓ You can be graduate of chemistry, biology, geology,

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- school of success. Invest your best into life in order to be successful. Life is a one time opportunity you must strive to maximize.
- ✓ It takes fact to be fat.
- ✓ Vision is the covenant seed for success.
- ✓ Life remains a struggle, without a clear vision of God's purpose for your life.
- ✓ *Where there is no vision, the people perish* (Prov 29:18). God is only committed to what he has commanded. Every heavenly vision is sure to command earthly impact.
- ✓ Information is a force with which we drive a vision.
- ✓ It takes information to fully deliver the details of any vision.

- ✓ If you do not have respect for facts, you cannot go far in life.
- ✓ Fact hunting is therefore a key requirement for success.
- ✓ However, vision and information alone do not guarantee success; hard-work is the womb that gives births the fulfillment of every vision.
- ✓ Information without hard work is sure end in frustration.
- ✓ Information minus hard-work = frustration.

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6. FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS

REDEMPTION

- ✓ Once you are born again, you become God's child and you are automatically granted access to His secrets.
- ✓ *Because it takes a spiritual man to understand the things of the spirit.* (1Cor. 2:14)

CONSECRATION

- ✓ *Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.* Proverbs 1:23.
- ✓ These do not live consecrated lives, so they cannot enjoy revelations from God.
- ✓ That is why shallow Christians lack depth.

UNCTION

- ✓ To gain access to revelations, therefore, you need the help of the spirit of God. You must be a man of the spirit to be a man of depth.

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things you share with one another.

- ✓ When you love God, you have an unusual access into His secrets.
- ✓ When you stop walking in love, you start walking out of depth. The less your love, the shallower you become.
- ✓ Love is crucial to a man's flow in the school of revelation.
- ✓ *Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. 1 John 4:7-8.*
- ✓ So get rid of that bitterness and hatred, they block the flow of revelation,
- ✓ Note that you cannot love God and hate men.

MEEKNESS

- ✓ *The meek will he guide in judgment and the meek will he teach his way.* Psalm 25:9
- ✓ The meek automatically has access to the secrets of success. God has no time for the proud or arrogant.
- ✓ So, the meeker you are, the greater your access to depths.
- ✓ Information merely satisfies the mind but the revelation

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SCHOOL OF REVELATION.

MEDITATION

Meditation means to think seriously and for a long time on something. When you meditate upon the Word of God, you give it mental attention. You ponder on the Word until the substance comes out to you as revelation. The Holy Spirit helps you uncover the deep things in the word, the heavenly secrets that will lead to your earthly success.

CHAPTER SEVEN



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REPORTS FROM THE EXECUTIVES DESK

Transport Unit

Being in charge of the transport team of Corpsers forum, has really opened and given me a good sense of planning and being time conscious in life.

Maior Gen BO Oaunkale assioned the post to me on

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programmed of “from glory to glory”. With the help of God and my fellow colleagues, the execution of my task was a success. Prior to my deployment to Makurdi, I had this phobia that there was nothing good in Benue. From what I heard from friends and family, which almost made me redeploy to some other state I had in mind. My mum has never been faced nor experienced any bomb case, so she said to me, do not take yourself away from God`s care and from where God has set for you, meaning I should not take myself away from God`s blessings. There is an adage that says what an adult sees while sitting down, even if a child climbs up the highest mountain, he will never see it.

Now, I believe that adage so well, because my coming to Benue has been a blessing. I have met people that have changed my life around to a better person; especially my first meeting with daddy (Maj Gen BO Ogunkale) really made me know that hard work pays. Like in one of his quotes “Hard work doesn`t kill, It only makes you a better person in life”, where he also adds “Laziness kills faster than any virus itself”, during my stay with daddy,

I have learnt a whole lot of things like; love for everyone, care, humility and giving. The issue of “giving” is something I will forever be grateful to God for giving the opportunity to know daddy (Major Gen BO Ogunkale) where he said “If you don’t open your hand to give, how then will you receive better and new things”. When he showed us (Corps members) his broadsheet of when started giving out and what he also received in return, he made me understand that the more you give, the more you receive new and better things of life. I really envy daddy for his spirit of giving, which I am really trying my best to imitate. Forgive me for really digressing to another whole issue entirely, but I felt I should let the whole world know about a man I call father among fathers. Sometimes, I wish I could exchange him to be my real dad on earth, that’s just a thought though from my frivolous mind (smiles). My post as the O.C Transport as my colleagues calls me, meaning officer in charge of transport for Corps members forum, has really given me a bold step on how to control and make arrangement for programmes that requires transportation of people. I have always been accountable in life, but this post really made me to be more organized and accountable and taking notes of little things around me, which daddy calls “Eyes for details”. It includes making sure each time we go out on a programme; I ensure I know everyone that went with us by taking count of everyone without them knowing. I have learnt to put them first before myself, which was an exemplary life style of daddy, where he as a Major General

to sit comfortably! To me, that's the highest sacrifice anyone can make on earth in our contemporary world considering his calibre in the military profession.

So, I will always try my best to walk in his shoe, even if I'm not doing it all, I'm still going to try harder to be like him. If possible, i hope to do far much better than him in future time to come. I love my post as the O.C transport and I am ready to carry on with any other post assigned to me, God bless Daddy (Major General BO Ogunkale). I pray for greater heights in life, you being the DG of DICON (Defence Industries Corperation of Nigeria) is a stepping stone, because the type of blessings coming to you are just too enormous, my fear is, are you ready or can you carry the whole lot of blessings coming to you? From the much I know, yes you can.



Edoronwa Chima

Transportation Coordinator

Library Unit

There is an adage that says and I quote “if you fail to plan, then you plan to fail”, Indeed I can boldly say that my Daddy (Major General BO Ogunkale) is living a planned life. So far so good, I have been able to learn the following under his favour and careful study of his way of life.

- 1) Discipline: I have been able to observe carefully my daddy and am really baffled. He is such a disciplined father, he's self-disciplined, has self-control, and disciplined in talking, eating habit, dressing and timing. This aspect of timing cant but seems to amaze me, despite his busy schedule and status, he still make time for every occasion at the right time most especially church activities, he has never for once arrived late to church services neither any other occasion i know of. He's so time conscious.
- 2) Hardworking: Always doing one thing or the other at every point in time, never an idle moment. No wonder the bible says “An Idle mind is the devils workshop”. His mind soul and spirit is always at work. He does whatever needs to be done and at the right time. He doesn't procrastinate. Never tired or lazy. The bible tells us not to be slothful in business. The scripture also says and I quote “seest thou a man diligent in his business,

he shall stand before kings and not mean men” (Proverbs 22: 29). No doubt that my daddy is making exploit because he is consciously doing in accordance to what these scriptures says. His hands are always on desk. (Proverbs 6: 6-10, Proverbs 24: 33-34).

- 3) Good sense of Humour: He has the ability of not only making others laugh, but prioritize laughter himself. I never knew he was a comedian until he cracked a joke one day and the whole place was lighted with uncontrollable laughter. No wonder he looks healthier and happier everyday and why because proverbs 17:22 says” A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones”. Studies show that smiling instantly boost your mood and laughing can soothe tension and melt stress. As a result of the humour he has, he is making a difference in his workplace, home and all areas of his life, He has the ability of getting through the dull times, cope with difficult times, enjoy good times and manage scary times. No doubt, he is a role model and a mentor to me and so many others today.
- 4) Ability to balance things: I am seriously praying for this grace of God upon his life to be imparted to me. His ability to cope and handle so many things at the same time and doing all perfectly, despite his busy schedule

and rank in the Nigerian army, he has so many other things he attends to. For instance, we corporals in NASME, he creates time for us, teach us, give us godly counsel, gives us assignment to do and at the same time doing same to other youth. He is been privilege to be mentoring in other place, still attends to his immediate and extended family, loved ones and friends, and joyfully fulfilling God's purpose for his life, One man doing so many things at the same time and no one slacks. I seriously envy him and I covet this grace upon my life.

- 5) Humility: I will say if you want to know what humility is all about, then you have to look for my daddy and observe him carefully. You don't talk humility alone, you act it. My daddy is humility personified, so humble, down to the earth, irrespective of your class or age, he is not meek but he is meekness, sometimes, I ask myself if my daddy who is a major General in the Nigerian Army can be this free and open for us to have access to him, then who am I to look down on someone. Scriptures says that God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. My daddy is being honoured today because he is humble. The scripture can't be broken. (Proverbs 15:33b).

- 6) Trustworthy and Reliable: Overtime, I have been able to know (Major Gen BO Ogunkale) as a man you can trust and rely on. He is worthy of being trusted, honest, reliable, or dependable. He is someone you can count on and share your personal secrets with or anything else of importance. He is dependable.
- 7) Organizational and Administrative skills: Organisation is the act or process of organizing or the state or manner of being organized. Major Gen BO Ogunkale has strong organizational goals to make sure his workers know what they are striving for at all times. Everything he does is being organized before time.
- 8) Visioneer: Maj. Gen BO Ogunkale is a visioneer and goal oriented. he is always willing to take risk to achieve a positive goal. He has passion for what he does, he always wants to continually grow and evolve. He is unapologetic. He doesn't follow the crowd; he does his things his own way. He has the ability of setting goals' both short term and long term goals and in no time he achieves the goals. He is a man of focus and highly

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objectives and goals.

I will conclude by saying that I have been able to work on myself in some of this qualities he possess and still praying for the grace upon his life to be impacted on

me because as a mentor you have to follow after the foot print of your mentor so as to be able to achieve that which attracted you to him and become successful like he is and even more than him.



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Welfare Unit

Administration which is the ability to organize, plan, implement and keep track of various secretarial duties and records or it can also be defined as the

management of any business or organisation. Planning is the first and most important function of administration. It is needed at every level of administration. In the absence of planning, any administration process becomes meaningless.

The setting up of the welfare unit has contributed to my knowledge of time management and planning. As the person in charge of the welfare unit, with the knowledge gotten from my Daddy (Maj Gen BO Ogunkale) about planning, I have been informed about when, what and how to do things earlier before time.

There are numerous lessons to be learnt from administration using my Daddy (Maj Gen BO Ogunkale) as a case study. I would like to narrow these lessons to three

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FIELD WORK.

- ✓ Time management: With the help of my Daddy (Major Gen BO Ogunkale), I have learnt how to plan and exercise conscious control over the amount of time spent on specific activities, especially to increase effectiveness, efficiency or productivity. I would always recall the event that happened a day after I was chosen as the person in charge of the welfare team. My Daddy (Major Gen BO Ogunkale) asked the welfare committee to draft out the things needed for the unit and give him

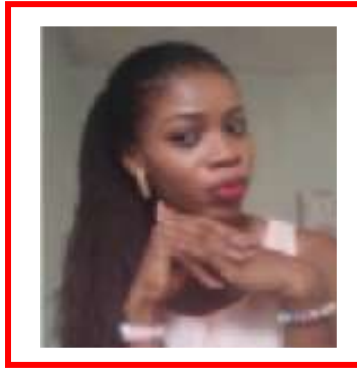
the feedbacks that same day at a particular hour of that day. We did the drafting but went late to report back to him. On my arrival at his office, I met him driving out; so I had to wait for him to return. In no short while, he was back and I and my colleague went to his and presented the list to him. He was so upset and not pleased with the improper presentations of the work because the drafting was done on a dirty rough sheet i.e. it was not presentable. Major General BO Ogunkale made a statement that I had to ponder on deep down in my heart: He said “If the Governor of Benue State or the president of Nigeria asked you to make a presentation and report back to him, will he be pleased with your work? Do you think he would have the time to wait for you knowing very well that he has other things to attend to? Surprisingly, just the few minutes we had arrived late, daddy had already gone to the market all by himself to get some items like: dozens of plates and spoons he felt would be needed for the welfare unit since he waited for us and we didn’t show up in time. He presented the items to my colleagues and I. He added that “Despite my busy schedule, I manage my time and plan my activities”. He immediately gave us a brief talk on time management and planning which is the next lesson I would talk on.

- ✓ Planning: Maj Gen BO Ogunkale is a man that plans, thinks about and organizes the activities required for that day before he sets out for the day. He plans the activities of that day no matter how tight his schedule may be. I have learnt how to plan my activities for a particular day before setting out for that day through my daddy (Maj Gen BO Ogunkale) which I am actually putting into practise as the one in charge of the welfare unit. For example, as the one in charge of the welfare unit, I would have to plan before time; the type of food to be prepared for the corps members, the cost of preparation and the quantity of food that will serve all corps members present in the barrack. Without such preparation, the process becomes meaningless. Even the bible talks about our level of preparation because God meets with prepared people.

Major Gen BO Ogunkale would always say that “hard work is one of the ways you can achieve your goals”.

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drive in getting things done as well as personal sacrifice. Another of his popular saying is “it is the level of our preparation that guarantees the level of our manifestation” because you can always accomplish a lot if only you plan before any activities begins.



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Welfare officer

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Library Unit

In the course of the Commandant's teaching series, during one of our meetings at the Commandant's parade, Major General Ogunkale observed that majority of the Corps members present placed little or no importance on reading of Christian literatures. After enlightening us on the need to read, he followed it up by buying small books written by

Bishop David Oyedepo and distributed to all Corps members present during one of the Tuesday meeting (Commandant's parade).

To our surprise, the preceding Tuesday, when the Commandant was called upon to teach as usual, he just shared question papers to us based on the books he had given us earlier. Our performance showed that majority of us did not read the books. We all felt ashamed of ourselves that day. Instead of the Commandant being discouraged, he rather went ahead to establish a library and prepared a 2 month programme for individual members to pick a book and read. We were to prepare a teaching for other members of the Commandant's parade based on what we must have gleaned from the books assigned to us for the week. This therefore gave rise to the establishment of a

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I was privileged to be in charge of the library set up by Major General BO Ogunkale for the Corper's serving in NASME BARRACKS.

Daddy Ogunkale saw the need for the Corpers to improve on their reading habits and also to search out the deep things of life which are embedded in books. There is an adage which says readers are leaders. Reading elevates us above our current situation. There are currently 31 books and 8 audio messages in the library.

Being in charge of the library has improved my reading habits and also stabilised my relationship with my fellow Corps member.



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Treasury Unit

It is expedient you have little idea on everything that crosses your path. I learnt as a result of this post to be a watchdog over the aspects of finance.

The parade started its treasury department on the 8th of November 2015, fully funded by Major General BO Ogunkale. Prior to that time, on Sundays, the Commandant, Major Gen BO Ogunkale prepares our offering and gives to everybody. Later I was appointed as the treasurer and my duties are as follows:

1. Weekly provision of fund to the welfare unit
2. Making available offering for fellow corps members during church programme
3. Making fund available to individuals during trying periods
4. Provisions of money to the library for purchase of books
5. Inputs of accounting information
6. Preparations of financial reports

During this period, I have learnt to look at pressing needs before the release of fund. And also believe in God that once I decree a thing, not minding how it will happen, faith will work it out as the Commandant decreed that the

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purse won't run dry and in date it has not for once ran dry.

I am grateful to God, for giving me the privilege to serve in this office



Bada Olufunke Victoria

Treasurer
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COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COMMANDANT'S PARADE

Givers Never Lack

Leaving the orientation camp and having the posting letter addressing my PPA to be at NASME barracks North Bank, Makurdi. I felt like I was in for another paramilitary training! My fears were confirmed when I came across the soldier men at the entrance gate into the barracks. I was really scared because of the way some of them dressed, by putting some leaves strand on their faces and the guns that were on display too.

The first time this Commandant addressed all the Corpers that were sent to NASME Barracks, his speech

was a loveable one, a fatherly one, even when most of us were tired and felt like living the Barracks. On waiting for the rejection letter to come at once so that we can go to another place. To my greatest surprise, when he came out we were all impressed. Even when some of us were not accepted, we were amazed and we all fell back to our normal selves and became happy for his words of encouragement. We all say a big thank you to him and we pray that God should continue to give him the strength to

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be a loving and caring father that he is.

On entering the main domain of the Barracks, you would find out that it is indeed a loving place to be and this my latter assertion turned out to be true when I encountered the mighty works of the Commandant himself. The Commandant, Major General BO Ogunkale JP, has touched so many lives in the aspect of welfare. I have never seen a man like this who loves giving even with his high rank, he stoop so low to see that his children are all satisfied, I don't know the name to call him again but a true father. There is a saying that goes like this that "Givers Never Lack". May he never lack in Jesus name.



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Love Personified

In addition to the many good packages Corpers have enjoyed in NASME Barracks, the creation of welfare group by General BO Ogunkale was unique. Men are blessed so they can be a blessing to others but it is not everyman that follows this Godly principle! The Commandant NASME has made himself an exception by following this principle and I am a beneficiary. There have been several occasions when I have been fed freely by the NASME Corpers welfare group through the Commandant. I want to say without mincing words that one of the flavoured spices of serving in NASME barracks is the addition of the Commandant NASME.

Also the welfare has not just been in the aspect of food but also in transporting people to church. Owing to the availability of the free ride many are able to go to church without any transportation excuse and also many Corpers got to enjoy the annual Shiloh event of the living faith church because of the transport benefit. I would like to

convey my sincere appreciation to General BO Ogunkale for his love to NASME Corpers.



Ojhi Samatha

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A Changed View

Proverbs 25:2 “It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings to search out the matter”.

One could hardly want to take his/ her self-gaze from the serene environment that faces them as soon as you enter NASME Barracks North Bank Makurdi. It was my first day in the Barracks; it felt like I was just leaving a paramilitary training for another one since my place of primary assignment would be in the Barracks. We waited in anticipation to be accepted and to the glory of God it was done. Being an enthusiastic person, I started asking question about programs in the Barracks and someone whispered to me that there is parade in the barracks. I was like “You can’t be serious” but in the midst of my delusion, another Corper who has been in the Barracks a bit longer

took time to explain the parades to me and also encouraged me to follow them to that of the Commandant. According to them, it's an interesting outing so I agreed to go. The evening for the parade came and we all gathered at the hall. Unfortunately my first day also coincided with the Corps member's celebration for the Commandant's birthday. At the end of the day, I found it difficult to believe all that took place because I have always heard of scary things as it concerns the military.

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The Commandants parade was a different experience altogether. I call it truth in reality because to me it is more than a parade. It is also the training of emerging great men and women who would dart the forces of darkness and this is so because of the source, as one cannot give what he does not have. As for Maj Gen BO Ogunkale, he is one man you would always like to lean on and never get tired of listening to. He has the nature of Christ, it is all over him. I believe strongly that his life is that of purpose because he finds so much fulfilment in what he is doing. It is easily noticeable that the passion is so much in him and is so glad about that because I know our father in heaven is taking records of all his deeds. His giving lifestyle shakes mountain and it is just so amazing and this has been shown even in the welfare committee he set up. He made sure we had food and shelter not minding the fact

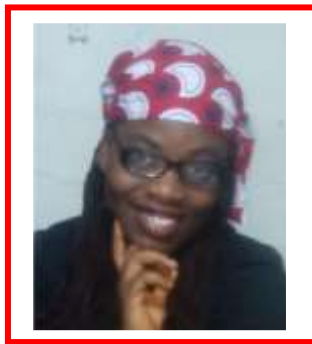
that we have not be accepted at that time when we came in. As a matter of fact we came and heard the Commandant had made provision for us (New Corps member) to be fed. This caught my attention immediately. I believe only God can reward him and I know there is always a better place. I strongly wish for the parade to continue and expand its horizon. Time and space will not

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observation but I believe I have been able to shed light and I firmly say “NOBODY CAN COME ACROSS MAJ GEN BO OGUNKALE AND REMAIN THE SAME”.

Remain Aflame and Rapturable sir

Shalom



Anochiam Uchechi Peace

Member

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Lover of God and Men

From the little time I have spent with Major General BO Ogunkale I have discovered that he is a man of great intellectual abilities . A man whose heart yawns for God as a deer pants for waters. His level of benevolence sometimes makes me quakes as he gives as if tomorrow never exists. A man who lives with the Holy Spirit and as such the wisdom of God is not only evident in his life but in the lives of those around him.

Bravo to the welfare committee for the relentless and tireless efforts to ensure that we the Batch B Corps members eat from the kitchen of the Commandant. I must with full emphasis say that this committee is trustworthy, reliable and meticulous in handling the resources placed in their care.



Chukwuma Omordi Miracle

Member

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A Mentor Indeed

Coming in contact with Major General BO Ogunkale has taught me that to know that a good understanding of who you are and what your ministry is, is very necessary in life. The job you are doing is not an excuse for you not to run the ministry God has given to you, not even the military can stop your ministry. Your job does not stop your God, serving God does not stop you from serving your nation.

The first day I arrived NASME Barracks, I was offered dinner courtesy of the Commandant and that continued for one week. The second day, I was taught on success system by the Commandant, so I received from the Commandant both physical food and the spiritual food on my first and second day respectively and that is how its been going.

Who is this Commandant?

He is no other person than Major General BO Ogunkale, the Commandant of Nigeria Army School of Military

Engineering (NASME) ,Makurdi. Though a very busy military personnel and a very senior officer in the Nigeria Army, he is very simple and humane. Despite his high rank, position, busy schedule and engagement, he still has time for a youth Corper like me. Just imagine, the gap is there to

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achieved. To me the Commandant has seen this gap as a huge opportunity and also platform to run his God given ministry because the word of God says except they see they won't believe.

I am just three weeks old in this Barracks as a Corper as at the time of writing this but I have enjoyed those parade known as the Commandant's parade as if I've been in the system for long. I have also experienced the expansion of this his ministry of making positive impacts and his impartation on the Corps members in NASME Barracks who are the future of today through the establishment of a library department in addition to the welfare/kitchen department and others as well as his teachings.

Going to church service on Sunday is another interesting part of it, I don't need to say I won't go to church because I don't have offering or transport fare because the Commandant has made vehicle available to and fro and the welfare department of the Commandant parade will ensure everyone in attendance is given an amount for offering. Indeed you need money to run a ministry. His teachings also include quality leadership and that is why every of the various departments is headed by youth

(Corper) in order to encourage us in learning practical leadership. Every of this department is doing just fine based on his teachings and guidance. He oversees the activities of these department and their leader's gives advices at all time and corrections as required.

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spirit, success is a lifestyle, just believe it and you will live it. Friends, kingdom prosperity is real because I see it in Maj Gen BO Ogunkale

The welfare/kitchen department has experienced unending /overflowing supernatural supply because God said it in Philpians 4:9

Friend your success is not complete until somebody somewhere can boast to others of how you impact lives with the blessings of God around you and not be disappointed because you have actually done as He expected. This is to say that that it has to become a life style for you and people have to know about it but can't just do anything to stop you. Gentlemen, friends, invest in the future by investing in the younger generation in order to preserve the future generation

NOTE: Success is contagious, the word of God says he that walks with the wise shall be wise ... Saul in the bible found himself among the prophet and he also prophesied along with them, lot prospered for as long as he associated with Abraham. We are privilege to have someone we can learn from in the person of Maj Gen BO Ogunkale (JP) who finds time out of his busy schedule to impart and invest in us so that our tomorrow be greater. An

investment that does not preserve or protect the prosperity is dangerous. Prosperity without posterity is futility. So I

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never tell when you will need it.

In conclusion MAJOR GENERAL B.O OGUNKALE IS A FATHER, MENTOR, MODEL, PROTÉGÉ, POTTER AND A TEACHER.

TESTIMONY: A fellow Corps member of about two weeks old in the barracks said this and I quote “do you know that that the Commandant fed me through today” I then asked how he answered and I quote” In the morning I ate bread from the Commandant, in the afternoon I ate yam from the Commandant, and this evening I ate potatoes from the Commandant”. He then concluded by saying and I quote “it was as if he knew I had nothing, may God bless that man”



Chinedum Okobi

Member

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The Success Secret I Learnt

I would love to say that Commandant Maj Gen BO Ogunkale is a rare gem and a father among fathers. I remember the first time I entered NASME Barracks when I rounded off my NYSC orientation camp, coming to a place where I knew no one. The reception I got from my fellow Corps members though senior colleagues was amazing, the way and manner they welcomed me like their own was something I would forever cherish. I didn't know there was a man behind it, so I was told there is a parade, I was wondering what kind of parade it is because of the regimented life I experienced in my three weeks camping. I thought I was going to continue from where I just stopped. Lo and behold came the Commandant that evening and it happened that the senior Corps members had a birthday package arranged for him in form of a surprised package. So he came and started addressing us, taught us from the scriptures. The topic on that day was **"SUCCESS SYSTEMS"**. He made mention of one secret of success and that is giving, that to give out you must learn to overlook some certain forces and that a child of God who wants to be successful must learn how to give.

That been said, the welfare package provided for by the Commandant through the Corps members is something I really appreciate and would be happier if it can be sustained.

I would always remember this quote from his lecture on that day that” **there is no mountain anywhere; every man’s ignorance is his mountain**”.



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Challenged to Love God More

Daddy lifestyle of simplicity, generosity and God-fearing has really affected me greatly. It has given me a direction and a life of purpose. His words of wisdom has given me hope and confidence. I have come to realize that you can attain the highest earthly position and still remain humble. I personally have really benefitted from his amazing teachings, the welfare department has been so comforting as well as the library from where we get books to build our mental, physical and spiritual well being .

Sir , i want you to know that we the corp members in NASME are challenged and we are ready to go by the way your Christ like virtues have taught us . I use this medium to employ as many who are reading this book to see a need to bring solution to in the life of someone, group, community, state and the nation at large . God bless you sir.



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An Impressive First Impression

The first time I came in contact with our beloved daddy- the great evangelist (Maj Gen. BO Ogunkale) was on a Sunday

morning in shelter of glory when he was called upon to share the testimony of how God lifted him up to Defence Industry Corporation of Nigeria (DICON); he was introduced as the outgoing Nigeria Army School of Military Engineering commandant (NASME Commandant). Though I was not opportune to meet with him one-on-one, yet the impact of the infallible legacy he left behind can still be felt.

The “commandant’s Parade” which is one of the medium he use to evangelize to corp members and students in the barracks has blessed my life richly . It takes a man to discover a vision and people to bring it to reality. The scripture says what so ever thy hand findeth to do, do it well with the whole of thy might, for in the realm of the dead, where you are going there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom. Time is too short and souls are wasting. Our daddy has planted a seed which requires watering before it can grow. We all have different parts to play in depopulating the kingdom of darkness and populating the kingdom of light; but this requires us utilizing our diverse gifts.

I am appealing to all Corp members in NASME “ lets not our daddy’s vision die in our hands just as the bible says in 1 Corinthians 12:12-27. If we truly love God and our daddy as we often profess, lets not the bond of love among us break , and obey all instructions pass across; this is one of the reasons we were choosen out of many corpers in Benue state to serve in NASME barracks. Lets not give the

devil any opportunity to make a mockery of us. Remember-
“united we stand, divided we fall”.

To the general public, God is not a man that will lie neither is He a son of man that should repent; what he says he will do. He has promised to add all things unto us if only we can seek first His kingdom (Mathew 6:33). Major Gen. BO Ogunkale did not bribe His way to DICON, God remembered him and lifted him up. God can do same to you if only you can give yourself totally without any reservation



Grace Bana
Member

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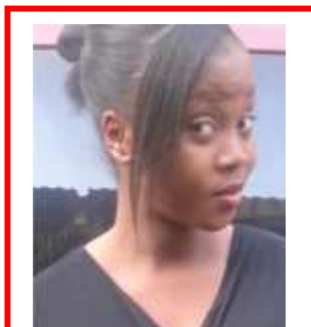
Joy in Serving

Honestly am very glad to be among the corp members posted to NASME barracks. The commandant major

General BO Ogunkale has made my stay so glorious and worthwhile. His teaching, simplicity and fatherly role has been so encouraging and life changing. When I told my friends I was posted to NSAME barracks they said a lot of discouraging words that almost got me frustrated but the commandant brought hope and sense of belonging and now am thanking God for posting me here. Despite the fact that he is no longer here with us, the DG DICON has not stop financing the welfare department of the corpsers parade and rendering help to our financial needs.

I wish he remains here but on the other hand I am glad for the new promotion he got as the Director General of Defence industry Corporation of Nigeria. My prayer is that God will continue to uplift him to greater height, in Jesus name.

I admonish everybody reading this book to learn from his lifestyle as we are created to fulfil destinies which is accompanied with bringing change and putting smile on the faces of people, let us be co-labourers with Christ in fulfilling his mission.



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Keys to Success

The commandant told us that for a man to be successful he needs some keys to the achievement and he gave us three keys to success. These keys include

Hardwork: from what he said on hardwork, I learnt that a hardworking person must be disciplined, focused and

must not be distracted from the main objective. He emphasised that hardwork requires lot of sacrifice.

Planning: it is often said that “If you fail to plan, then you Plan to fail”. This was his first point on planning. I learnt that if you must plan, you must have this two things at the back of your mind; When and How to plan. I learnt from him that planning must start before the days activities and that it requires waking up early to seek the face of the master planer which is God.

A Place for Meditation: the proper time and place to meditate is when people are still sleeping and it must be in your privacy. No distraction!. He gave us some bible passages like Matthew 25 vs 1, Exodus 19 vs 10-14. I learnt from him that where there is no preparation, there cannot be manifestation and it is the level of our preparation that guarantees the level of our manifestation. Luke 1 vs 18, II chronicles 27 vs 6. God meets prepared people Amos 3 vs 12. I also learnt what it means to

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in order”. Major General Bo Ogunkale said and I Quote “Opportunity comes to everyone but can only be utilised by prepared people”. (Galatians 1 vs 15-18).

Areas to prepare:

1. Our heart: God sees our heart before he hears our voice. No outstanding result from the prayer altar before the heart is prepared. I kings 18 vs 30.
2. Prepare ourselves in the word

I pray that God should increase the insight of Major General BO Ogunkale. Amen.



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Love that Baffles

His tenacity, doggedness and undiluted passion towards the display of love; by way of talking love, expressing love and ultimately giving love has caused my jaw to drop in awe and my mentality to be highly renewed towards seeing clearly the beauty in love. Haven seen, heard and even experienced unexpressed, diluted and despicable love from human beings my heart was flooded with hate towards the ingenuity humans display which they call love.

Hence my heart erroneously believed that no love can be free from ingenuity, therefore I hated everything called love.

As a Christian I was nursed from childhood with the biblical stories of Jesus and God's love, I believed then that one only experience genuine love directly from God and that maybe love existed in the days of Jesus. My long held believe towards love was challenged when I came to NAITES around November, 2015 to be accepted as a corps member in cause of my activities I came in contact with my fellow corporers , they told me about a man and all the good things he has taught and showed then about God's love. In my heart I giggled " OH..! all these stories...." Physically I told them how I have never seen such a man. Hence from that day I looked forward to meeting him in the Tuesday commandant parade he organizes for corporers. My curiosity was satisfied when I met him in January, 2016, he talked

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me but on a great note for him, he announced his departure from the barracks.....I said to myself " well that's it..." thinking that my thoughts towards love will never change.

Then the shocker came....He made plans for us...! sitting down there looking at him I wondered whether he was saying the truth but till today as I write , all those plans , he fulfilled(free transportation to church services, offerings, free food on weekends, surprise welfare packages....etc)

Major General Ogunkale the Director General DICON proved my long held theories about love wrong, that a man with a busy schedule can still find time to teach and

show love to us (NASME Corpers) and to even call us his children, yet we have nothing to pay him back and he asked for nothing in return but our prayers....beautiful I thought...!

Hence, today my theories about love has changed... I BELIEVE THAT THERE IS GENUINE LOVE...HUMANS CAN ACTUALLY SHOW AND GIVE LOVE. Thus I am a changed person, I speak, preach and give love. AM BETTER, AM HAPPY !



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member

THE LEGACY OF MAJ GEN B.O OGUNKALE ON THE LIVES OF CORPER IN NASME BARRACKS

Maj Gen B.O Ogunkale a man who has shown us it pays to serve Jesus. A man who has taken the word of God and hidden it in his heart. It has been a wonderful experience with this man, God really placed in NASME barrack for me to have an encounter with him and my life has never remained the same in a positive way . Thank God for the life of Maj Gen B.O Ogunkale

COMMANDANT PARADE

A parade where the Christian corporals in the barrack gather together to listen and be impacted by the word of God, life experiences and testimonies through His servant. It has been a life changing experience for me. I really thank God for this man out of his tight schedule he still found out time to speak to his children. I have learnt so much during this meeting and pray that the transformation which has started in me will be total in Jesus name.

WELFARE PACKAGE

Apart from financial package given to us at different times, which helped me immensely in this barracks, I would also want to thank God for welfare package given to us like food

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to my life. It has been an eye opener to me when it is said you're a blessing to your generation and destinies are tied to you. For me I know I have benefited immensely from this package, what a man. Like he always says God is not a robber, sir your labour will surely be rewarded by God

In summary, I have never met a man like Maj Gen BO Ogunkale. You're really a man who seeks the Lord diligently. At this age you still do all this, when the bible says serve the lord in the days of your youth. Daddy like I always say to myself and ask God, I want to have what daddy has. Thank God for your life, His name praised. Thank you Jesus



Onyeka Odenigbo
Member

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Disciples Cross held on 12th Jan 2016

The programme started around 5:25pm with about 20 corps members with the opening prayer taken by Bana Grace a Batch B corper and the exhortation by Bada Olufunke, which started by expressing gratitude to fellow corp members for showing up at the parade.

I spoke on the “Disciples Cross”, by explaining what the term “cross” means to different people and what the disciples cross means and explanation on the definition of a Christian disciple, characters and requirements of a Christian disciple and finally the explanation on the centre of the cross representing Christ and the vertical line of the cross representing your relationship with God (prayer and Word).

The meeting ended by 7:10pm with a total number of 35 corps members in attendance. All glory to God for a successful parade. The closing prayer was said emphasizing on the continuity of the parade.

Written by **Bada Olufunke Victoria**

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Spiritual Apprenticeship 19th January 2016

The programme started at about 5:30pm, the opening prayer was done by corper Samantha and this lasted for about 5mins.

The teaching started at about 5:35pm which was immediately after the opening prayer. The topic "Spiritual Apprenticeship" was extensively taught by the speaker. Slide were prepared for effective teaching and it was well presented. A total number of seventeen (17) slides were made and these covered the whole topic.

Topics covered in this teaching include;

1. The introduction of the topic "Spiritual Apprenticeship" (A foundation or excellence in ministry) and the anchor scriptures where John 8:28, II kings 2: 1-22.
2. Ministry is Business
3. What is apprenticeship

4. Who is an apprentice
5. Difference between followership and Apprenticeship
6. Examples of spiritual Apprentices in the bible
7. Reasons for Apprenticeship, twelve reasons were given.
8. The process of Apprenticeship
9. Locating your trainer
10. The ability of the trainer
11. What you need as an apprentice, ten things were listed.

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13. For how long can you be an Apprentice
14. Determinants of how long you can serve
15. Enemies of Apprenticeship.

All the above listed topics were well presented on the slides. The slide from which the speaker taught also contained twenty four (24) quotes that were very relevant to the topic being treated.

The programme started with a good number of people and as the programme progressed, the number of people kept increasing. It was observed that nobody left in the course of the teaching, the hall was orderly, and the conduct was commendable.

At the end of the teaching, question was asked by Corper Samuel and seconded by Corper Chima. This question was directed to the speaker, the question was well answered because the brothers were pleased with the answer given.

Corper innocent who also is a co-speaker came up and summarised the topic at about 6:35pm and this lasted for about 5mins.

Sister Funke came up and thanked everyone for coming even when they knew that the DG of DICON won't be there. She also raised prayer points for our Daddy, the DG DICON- Maj.Gen BO Ogunkale as he desired that we do. Corper Bada Funke also took the closing prayer. A total of thirty three (33) people were in attendance.

Discipleship Victory held on January 26th

Kemi Olaye opened up the programme at about 5:40pm by leading about 22 corp members in worship. This lasted for about 15mins after which Amos Zoebello came up to speak about Discipleship Victory. This teaching gives a detailed review of how a Christian disciple can be victorious or successful in these devious times. This can only be achieved if Jesus transforms your life and changes your values into kingdom values. At the teaching he also describe the three(3) kinds of person namely: The natural man, the Worldly Christian and the spiritual Christian. Who have various ways of allowing God take control of their life. The latter part of the teaching shows us how we can be fully equipped with the spiritual armour to stand against the rulers of this world. Lastly we had a question and answer

session and rounded up at about 7:10pm to God be the glory.

Written by **Zoe Bello**

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Disciples Personality held on 9th Feb. 2016

The meeting started by 5:40pm with opening prayer by IlegbinijieEdosa Innocent, the teaching was taken by Ojih Samantha, which commenced by 6:00pm with the topic on "Disciples personality". Focusing on the natural man, Worldly Christian and spiritual Christian. While the teaching was going on Colonel Udeani walked in by 6:35pm and he was welcomed, the teaching ended by 6:40pm, while Funke Bada invited Colonel Udeani to give a word of encouragement to the house, which he did and surprisingly told us that he has a gift from Maj General BO Ogunkale, we were extremely happy and the 17 of us in attendance got 5,000 naira each. No one was expecting it on that day, it was like judgement day. We thank God for a successful day

Written by **Ojih Samantha**

CHAPTER EIGHT



YOUR TESTIMONIES ARE AT MANY GATES

As a matter of deep consideration, people's eyes are gates through which attitudes, characters and life patterns are checked daily. But apparently most people do not carefully stoop to consider and check the impact of their influence on the lives of others, and what report is given about them by the people they are surrounded with. This menace of poor conductivity or carefree attitude towards

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negative conception of people who live daily in the belief of (mind your business) thereby disregarding whatever report people have about them.

However in my discovery, I have realized that it is in the testimony of others about you that your typology of influence is confirmed whether it be positive or the reverse. More so your attitude and character before the eyes that see you daily determines the testimony you receive because the eyes of men are gates.

We will like to digress a little bit into a peculiar testimony by Mrs Assumpta Khalil Oseoritselaju, a survivor of a deadly auto crash. She was privileged to have been impacted by the Commandant, Maj Gen BO Ogunkale. Her story and the testimony of Pastor Immanuel Abah David as well as that of his son Enu Victor are reflected below;

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GATE #1:



TESTIMONY OF THE MIRACULOUS DELIVERANCE AND HEALING

My name is Assumpta Khalil Oseoritselaju, a native of Delta State. I was born on 14 June 1979 and I am a Christian. My tragic story started on 13 November 2002 while I was on my way to my school, Ibadan Polytechnic. I boarded a bus heading to Abeokuta at papa-ifo. While we were road bound along the highway express, another bus lost control and found its way on our lane. We had a fatal head-on collision with the other bus! A total of 10 people died

instantly and the remaining 8 were in various states of fatal injuries. The vehicle actually went off the road, fell by its side and later began to summersault! The vehicle fell on my hand and I lost consciousness in the process. Good Samaritans later came to the scene and rushed us to the

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BIBLICAL LAZARUS WHO WAS DEAD FOR FOUR DAYS.

I had no one to attend to me at the hospital and my people were not aware of my where about since I was not conscious to communicate to anyone. God in His mercies, aside delivering my soul from death, also sent a good Samaritan by name Mrs Bose who got concerned about my situation and began to make enquiries about my root and my people. She gave the initial amount required to commence my treatment which demanded a major operation and the purchase of 3 pint of blood needed for the process. I later recovered and gained consciousness. I provided the necessary information required to locate my family. Arrangements were made and I was transferred to Igbobi Orthopaedic Hospital. As at the time, the hand which had a crush injury had begun to decay and was going gangrenous!

The operation was thought would involve the bathing of the injured right hand and subsequent arrangement of fractured bones of the humerus, radius and ulna. The Doctors, after the detailed assessment, insisted that the

hand was to be amputated. I asked in bewilderment, the meaning of “amputation”. I had a lot running through my mind as I was contemplating the amputation of my right hand. Some of the issues on my mind include that of the

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such a condition. That was the toughest decision I had to make as at then in my life and the pains wasn't equally subsiding, it was very excruciating!

All procedures for my operation were placed in motion, my bill was paid and the 3 pint of blood required for the operation was also secured. I was wheeled into the theatre late in the night around 9pm on the day of the medical procedure. My mum insisted on following me into the theatre. We were all praying throughout the time for God's miraculous intervention. To His glory, the operation was conducted successfully.

However, the second part of the trauma started, I had another injury at the right part of my breast. The doctors again were contemplating removing the mammary mould in order not to risk further infection since the wound was black and the cells were showing signs of deadness. I quickly turned to the Lord in prayers and fasting. It was as though the devil was out to destroy my life completely. With persistence upon the Lord, the wound began to show signs of life and started turning red after 7days! It was to the

amazement of everyone with the Doctors inclusive. It was indeed a miracle and our God does answers prayers!

Another challenge arose in the midst of all the trials, the open wound in the region of the amputated hand

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operation was scheduled to graft skin to cover the area as well as promote recovery. Not long after the operation, during the removal of the bandages to the amputated hand, the grafted skin began to pull off alongside the bandage! The Doctors were planning on repeating the skin grafting process all over again. I immediately involved my pastor, Pastor IK, who encouraged me to do 3days fasting in spite of my condition and the fact that I was still on medications as at then. The good Lord showed up again and healed me miraculously and I didn't have to go through with the operation.

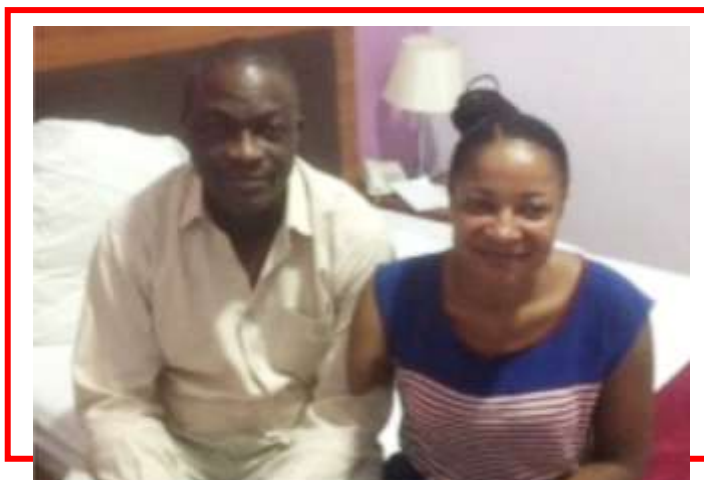
I was discharged after 6months from the hospital. I didn't know where to go initially as I was ashamed of facing the cruel world outside with my state. The psychological effect of being one handed hunted me so badly and this went on for years. I therefore decided to get pregnant and have a child who would keep me company. To me, that was the only opportunity I figured I would have to get someone close by me but God's way isn't always the way we think. The challenges I now encounter as a single mother isn't funny. There's no one to talk to, provide counsel or

mentoring! I did have a son who is 8years old now and has been of immense assistance to me. God has equally used him to ward off the entreaties of evil which normally accompanies people's visit to my place.

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I am however grateful to God for connecting me with people through whom He has brought joy and happiness to my life, one of them happens to be General Ogunkale who stood by me all along. I now work for an NGO on disability issues and my story has been a source of encouragement to others with similar issues! I might have lost a hand but I'm grateful to God I still have a life which I'm living to the full and overflow. I might be disabled, but I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me. The same accident took the lives of several others but here am I today praising God! This is my story and this is my song! Praising my savior all the day long.



GATE #2:



TESTIMONY OF SALVATION BY PASTOR IMMANUEL ABAH

I am pleased to write this Attestation note for Major General Bamidele Ogunkale. I met him during my undergraduate days (final year) in 1997 when he was a Major serving at the Artillery Brigade in Kontagora, Niger State-Nigeria.

He was a growing Military Officer of high standard, passionate about impacting the next generation with knowledge and courage. I am privileged to be a successful public speaker and training consultant today have both private and governmently owned organizations as my clients, my thanks goes to God Almighty who has done all of these but my appreciation goes to General Ogunkale who trained me and also gave me my very first Public

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change in 1990.

He introduced me to the Full Gospel Businessmen Fellowship where I gave my life to Jesus Christ during an altar call. I must confess that it has been from glory to glory ever since then. General Ogunkale equally introduced me to many other professional bodies and fed me nourishingly with the Word of God. He fondly use to tell all the youths around him that " nobody should ever have any genuine excuse to be absent from fellowship". He wasn't only driving us to and fro personal development meetings between 1997 & 1998 in his Honda Quintet car but he was shaping all of us up to fulfill our destinies.

In my current capacity as country manager of an American firm, employer of labour and minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, my tag line to both my employees and colleagues has been " if you succeed, it is your fault and if you fail, it is your fault," something I learnt from General Ogunkale in 1997 during one of his presentations at Federal College of Education, Kontagora Niger State.

Am proud to be your protege my dear General and I want to thank you publicly for your generosity, availability and for the hope you gave us all, your words have been my solid foundation.

I celebrate you today sir, pls take my salute General.
Abah Immanuel David

GATE #3:



Victor Ashibong Enu

TESTIMONY OF THE IMPACT OF GENERAL OGUNKALE ON MY LIFE

Daddy rather than being an eyesore, you have as an ambassador of Christ condescended in meekness and humility made your entire life a delight to God and men, and the testimony of your glory has been established on every lip by reason of the watch tower of consciousness you have carefully erected to check your daily influences. I resumed last weekend only to see the atmosphere of NASME barracks still aglow with the same glory as at when you were here.

By setting your heart out to God, you have become one of the few geniuses who have changed the cause of the world because you could look at the world differently. God is wise and part of the puzzle with him is that he never created anyone to succeed alone; he selects people whose

lives, character dreams and visions runs inline and puts them together I know I have not yet reached the heights you are operating in now as my father, but as a son who possesses your virtues I am now manifesting the aftermath of your tutelage. Today I have become a great testimony throughout my family and a great source of encouragement and hope because you liberated my entire family the day you condescended and took me up as your son.

Daddy I remember that early last year when the lord brought you to me and I encountered you, I presented my first piece of writing to you which I titled (serving others) and after reading it you took a pencil and made some correction, then you sat me down and began to teach me how to start a writing, then connect the main message to flow with the summary so as to make perfect sense. I never knew that writing was my talent until you helped me discovered it during the processes of correcting the errors I made in that piece of writing.

Daddy I am happy to inform you that, that which started as a lizard is now turning into an alligator. I received inspiration from the lord during my program in Calabar to start the development of a book I am currently writing, and have titled "HEDGES YOUNG PEOPLE MUST BREAK TO EMERGE LEADERS". The above titled book is aimed at restructuring, informing and motivating the terribly affected mindsets of young people, into mission driven people and a

generation rising to take their place. Postulate with me for a second, and you will agree with me, as a father that there are so many expectations placed on the young people of these age. It is also often said that 'children are the leaders of tomorrow', but apparently this popular statement which places a leadership expectation on the young people has never found expression. This is because young people have become too comfortable with funfair, indiscipline, irresponsibility and severe moral decadence, which has lead them into a state of mediocrity.

But outside the popular saying 'children are the future leaders', it is natural that as one generation wears off and passes on, another generation rises to take place But the thing about this generation is that it is going to be the biggest deception and a decoy of all ages, if appropriate moves are not made to tying some nuts at various intervals in the varying life-patterns amongst youths. This is why our nation is going through a re-cycling kind of leadership, where past leaders re-occupy the same leadership positions over again. Because we have a generation of youths caught up by mediocre life-styles, though they have the necessary potentials and capacities, but they are not informed enough to take charge. The fact is really not about age, but an issue of knowledge, because "every book is a children's book if the kid can read". So the above titled book 'in the making' is being written to provide knowledge and

point out certain HEDGES that must be broken for youths to mount on their various leadership pinnacles. Because Albert Einstein lamented that “the world would not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything.

Like I said earlier God is great he doesn't put unlikes together, he place the same kind together in parallel directions and causes them to intercept at appropriate intervals it is this mystery mortal men describe as like attracting like. With deep survey and dedicated analysis I want to point out some basic reasons why God ordained you as a ladder for me to access my high places, first of it is that you are a Major General in the Nigerian army, I have seen you spend lengthy hours on your study/reading and writing which pre-supposes to me that you are a writer. Then your verbal power with which you are always raising your voice in positive, inspirational and motivational, life changing and power packed teachings. This makes you a voice for this generation and above all, your total humility and dedication towards righteousness, through which you have been exalted.

Coming to me, here I am a youth born on a foundation of fellowship with Christ and instructed by my grand-parents and my parents in the ways of the lord, also with a strong and unquenchable desire and expectation to make an officer in the Nigerian Army, and now has by God

through you discovered a deposited talent of writing and public speaking and also advancing daily in spiritual and Godly pursuit. Daddy what do you have to say about this analysis so far? If you do your own postulate on this, it will give you a confirmation that in the journey of life whatever and whoever you are is what you will continue to attract to yourself, which is a standard set by God. Every attitude and character you portray, your life style in general is a seed you sow daily and many people don't know this, no man plants maize and reaps yam that was why Jacob attracted Laban who was a full time mirror of his fraud and deception towards Esau his brother and Isaac his father.

Also postulate on your transfer scenario, it was in the last few month of last year 2015 I started making myself ready for the 68 regular combatant course intake of this year 2016 by registering jamb and putting all my certificate and all documents that will be required together in preparation. And because I know that you may not be in NASME again after last year, I raised a cry before the Lord

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place, position and time. And if people say God doesn't answer prayers how come you were posted to Kaduna, the same Kaduna I want to begin my cadet life in.

Daddy it was possible for you to have been posted somewhere else, but God has divinely position you there in Kaduna because I cried to him and he hears the cry of the

broken but he will not come down in his person, he works through instruments and he has shown me grace and favour by putting you there as an efficient instrument he has been using and still wants to use to incline my life to supernatural dimensions, NDA is not far from where you are so the Lord has planted you there to oversee my entire admission process. God is faithful and he has made all these analysis clear for me to see that his hand is truly upon my life.

Daddy about the book in progress, I desire to publish and launch it in august when I would also be rounding up my national diploma program in NAITES, just before I resume my cadet life in NDA in September which is the from glory to glory that God has set in motion for me already according to the declaration of God's servant Bishop David Oyedipo.

I brought so many things for you thinking I will meet you before you finally leave, my mum insisted that I carry garri and plantain for you but since you have already gone, and Captain Atomode is not mobile enough to carry them to you, I decided to give him the ones that are a little flexible which include a painted portrait I made for you, a swam container of honey. And as a father who loves music, I got you some wonderful songs I specially selected for you in a car mp3 to keep your spirit tuned as you travel and move from place to place.

Daddy I am missing you, but one thing you did for me that you didn't do for others which has been keeping and comforting me is that you placed your hands upon my head and released your virtuous into my life and by that act you installed your entire self in me like Elijah did for Elisha, because I also asked.

Pardon my long writing Dad but as a father I took after you because you also talk for long period in every of your teachings, the spirit always drives you far into hours so the offspring of a lion does not eat grass. Its well and I am advancing in the Lord. We bless God Daddy and its well. Take care of yourself Dad. Bye.

CHAPTER NINE



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GOD IS A REWARDER NOT A USER

So many people have twisted idea of God in our generation. So many platforms have mis-presented God to people of this age. The distorted picture of God that so many people see is that of a supreme being who only makes demands on people and is ready to punish them when they err. The scary part of it being that of the punishment for erring souls since “to err is human”. This

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discourages so many from seeking closeness with the Almighty God. The former part of it is what I want to bring focus upon. The part that stresses the point that God exists to make demands on people!

An air of doubt has to be cleared in this regards. First, God exist! This is a fact but he doesn't exist to make

mere demands on people. We can take a cue from the Scripture in Hag 2:8, Isa 66:1-2, Ps 50:10-12, Ps 24:1. The Bible is emphatic when God said Silver and Gold are mine, the earth and the fullness thereof belongs to God. Thousands of cattle's on thousand hills belongs to Him. If He needed anything, He would not ask any of us. He is too big for that. When we give our time, money and substance to God, it's not because He doesn't have it because He gave it all to us in the first place (John 3:27). It is only in appreciation of the fact that He first gave that we give back in return. Only grateful hearts will give back to God. What we give to God through His people (the poor, widows, orphans, needy, men of God and God's work) in sacrifice is what He takes to make for our future in life both here and hereafter! On the other hand Heb 11:6 tells us that "God is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him". This pictures God as a rewarder of faithful services. Isa 45:19 states that "(God) said not unto the seed of Jacob, seek ye me in

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vain .

He has therefore not called us to seek Him in vain. He exists to reward and not to demand. On the other hand talking about punishment, 2Cor 5:19 assures us that "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them". The devil is the

accuser of the brethren who accuses men before God (Rev 12:10).

It is against this background that we have x-rayed the life of General Ogunkale and have found him to be a man devoted to giving ministry. In talking about his giving lifestyle, one would imagine the driving force behind his giving attitude when compared with other institutions which are into the same ministry. It's always easy for ministry to conduct an outreach to meet the needs of the poor and the widows in remote places. In fact, many churches are into the same ministry, however, seeing a man single handedly doing the same exercise with equal impact, then it bring storm to the stable minds!

We the Corps members have not fully recovered from the impact of General Ogunkale's ministry. When he conceived the Commandant's Parade/Corpers Forum which is a discipleship training class, we never thought it

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administrative challenges associated with the forum.

To consistently organize transportation for over 30 people for Sunday Service requires a considerable amount of logistics. General Ogunkale made arrangement for member to the forum to attend regular church services at Living Faith Chapel and Shelter of Glory using his resources. This he did not withstanding his personal

financial challenges. Additionally, he ensured we were not just being fed with the word for our soul; we were equally fed during our meetings in our stomachs. This makes the package a wholesome one. Considering the meagre financial might available to the Corps members, the aspect of feeding is a very giant stride on the part of the General. Feeding a home is a very daunting task not to mention adding the burden of over 30 people who are not related to you by blood or ethnicity. That is what we have termed **“Love beyond Borders”**.

Aside the aforementioned, creating a purse for the forum was a laudable feat. He could inconvenience himself financially to ensure others are comfortable. At times when we think we are making too much sacrifice for the Kingdom, we need to step aside to see the extent of the sacrifice of

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news headlines and dailies.

These Kingdom efforts listed herein are still in addition to the individual assistance General Ogunkale makes for us from time to time which will be too personal to reflect in the platform! One would imagine the sort of passion behind his sacrifices! For instance, on his return from a self sponsored seminar in the UK, he made sure he bought gift for everyone! They range from customized and

assorted wears to wristwatches, expensive perfumes and jewelleries. Everyone got something significant.

Moreover, we thought his departure on his posting as the DG DICON would have lessened his sphere of influence around us. However, he was still concerned about our welfare enough to know that there was a delay in the payment of our January allowance. While we were about crying foul in the middle of February over the issue of non payment of allowances, General Ogunkale came to the rescue by sending us our allowances from him own resources.

Volumes of books would be needed to chronicle his effort to bless ministers of God whom the LORD has placed around him from time to time. We are aware of the fact that he sows suites for them from time to time regardless of

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Shelter of Glory Church. His philanthropic labour for the widows, orphans and less privilege people of his immediate society is another researchable area of endeavour. This kingdom investment driven by an individual is worthy of emulation. It is therefore necessary to document this for posterity sake.

Little wonder why the LORD has blessed the General! The path of the Just is indeed a shining light that shines brighter even unto the perfect day (Prov 4:8). We

became witnesses to how God lifted him from a Commandant to a Director General! We equally knew of how he usually struggle to manage meagre resources in the School but the LORD enlarged his coast such that he now manages budget! He now defends budget before the Senate alongside prominent heads of ministries, department and agencies.

This leaves no other conclusion but that of the obvious fact that God is indeed a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. God is never too demanding. If He demands a sacrifice from us, it is because He intends to bless us in return. He is a rewarder and not just one who intends to use and dump people. This therefore is our assertion and humble submission to the people of this generation.

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GOODWILL MESSAGE BY COLONEL SS UDEANI Overseer of Commandant's Parade

Commandant Parade is a forum created by the former Commandant of NASME Major General BO Ogunkale to garrison members of the NYSC posted to NASME and who are willing to be members for the purpose of exposing them to the word of God, Bible reading and presentation of topics

on selected bible characters. All these expositions are aimed at keeping the Corps members focused and in touch with God while discharging their primary assignments. The vision is buttressed by the fact that a good Christian is invariably a good citizen.

Without mincing word, the forum has recorded huge successes as the number of members kept on increasing and the outputs of this set of Corps members in every assigned task are quite commendable. It is my humble opinion that God actually ordained the forum and I sincerely wish other Corps members yet to join not to waste time for time is short.

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WHICH IS NOT ONLY THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN NASME BUT ALSO meant to encourage the chastity among many Corps members while serving in NASME. Long Live Commandant Parade, Long Live the Founder, and Long Live NASME and Nigeria in Jesus Name, Amen.



Col S S UDEANI
NASME

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Major General BO
Ogunkale (Director
General, Defence
Industry Corporation of
Nigeria) and the entire
corp members
serving in Nigerian
Army School of

Military Engineering (NASME) wishes to felicitate with Bada Olufunke Victoria on her birthday. She shall take root downward and bear fruits upward all the days of her life (AMEN). Long life and prosperity.

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